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## IRA bombs Army barracks in UK

SHREWSBURY, England, Feb 20. (Reuters) The Irish Republican Army (IRA) blew up two living quarters at a British Army camp here early today and 60 British paratroopers escaped just in time.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said three bomb blasts ripped through the central England camp minutes after a siren fired on two men fleeing the compound.

He said 60 soldiers from the crack parachute regiment were alerted and evacuated just before blasts wrecked the buildings. Only one man was slightly hurt, by flying glass.

The IRA, fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland, claimed responsibility for the bombing in a statement to a Dublin news agency and pledged further attacks.

Armed Forces Minister Archie Hamilton told British Television a siren spotted two intruders at Tern Hill barracks near Shrewsbury in the early hours of the morning. When challenged, they ran off across the camp.

"They... then ran into the (living quarters) building and planted the bombs at that stage," Hamilton said.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said a siren fired shots at the two men as they made their escape but neither appeared to have been wounded.

Fourteen minutes later the explosions hit the living quarters, smashing the front wall out of one and starting a fire that destroyed the roof of the other.

"But for the alarm and the evacuation we could have had a tragedy on our hands," an Army spokesman said.

Police believed the two had escaped in a stolen car and said police patrols had set up road checks around the area.

## Round-table conference on Lebanon crisis delayed

# Help end civil war, Amir urges clerics

KUWAIT, Feb 20. (AP) Visiting Lebanese religious leaders today postponed talks with the Arab League for 24 hours while they consulted privately on a draft peace plan for Lebanon, officials said.

A round-table session will be held tomorrow, they said.

The consultations were called after HH the Amir of Kuwait appealed to the six Muslim and Christian clerics, during an audience, to "do their utmost" to help end the 14-year civil war that threatens to split the country into sectarian cantons.

They said the Amir urged them to "join hands to foster Lebanon's unity, independence and territorial integrity."

The official Kuwait News Agency said the clerics were handed a document drafted by a six-member Arab League committee "to sound out their viewpoints on how to resolve the Lebanese crisis."

Informed sources, speaking on condition they not be named, said the plan calls for withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon, election of a new President and "rebuilding the country's constitutional institutions and government bodies."

**Plan**

They said it was drafted by a team of Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry officials working with Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad, who heads the league committee.

Sheikh Sabah discussed the plan with Arab League Secretary-General Cheddi Khibi and other committee members before submitting it to the clerics who arrived yesterday for the four-day meeting.

The committee, which also includes the foreign ministers of



HH the Amir (second right) received the Lebanese religious leaders yesterday.

Algeria, Tunisia, Sudan, the United Arab Emirates and Jordan, met last month with Lebanese political leaders at the league's Tunis headquarters.

But no progress was made in the talks with acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss, a Sunni Muslim, Army Commander Gen. Michel Aoun, a Maronite Christian and Parliament Speaker Hussein Husseini, a Shiite Muslim.

Aoun and Hoss head rival cabinets in Lebanon's dual government.

**Mediated**

Aoun bolstered his power in clashes last week with Samir Geagea's Lebanese Forces Christian militia and now controls 75 per cent of the Christian enclave.

Both sides accepted a ceasefire mediated by Maronite Patriarch Boutros Sfeir, whose influence has increased as the Christian enclave around East Beirut shrank. But many Lebanese believe that Geagea was simply seeking a breathing space to

rebuild his battered forces.

Aoun was appointed to head an interim military government by outgoing President Amin Gemayel on Sept 22 after Parliament failed to elect his successor. His appointment was rejected by Muslims, who pledged loyalty to Hoss.

Also bogged down in the Lebanon quagmire are Syria, the main power broker with an estimated 40,000 troops in the country under an 11-year-old Arab League peace mandate and Israel, which controls a self-proclaimed security zone in the southern Lebanon.

**Achieved**

Sheikh Sabah already held talks on Lebanon with Syrian officials in Damascus.

A source close to the meeting, who refused to be identified, said: "Judging by statements made so far, the Lebanese religious leaders are determined to do their utmost to bring about a national reconciliation."

Sheikh Mehdi Shamseddine, vice-president of the Supreme

Shiite Muslim Council was quoted in Sharjah's Al Khaleej newspaper as saying the committee had achieved "positive results".

Roman Catholic Patriarch Maximus Hakim yesterday voiced optimism about the meeting, saying the religious leaders "will focus their thinking and proposals essentially to restore united Lebanon within its international borders, its Arab affiliation and its distance from Israel."

"What we want from the Arab committee is to help Lebanon elect a new President and carry out required reforms," he told the Kuwait News Agency, adding that the Arab League peace effort was "a last-ditch effort to reunite Lebanon."

As well as Hakim, Shamseddine and Sfeir, Sunni Muslim Grand Mufti, Sheikh Hassan Khaled, the supreme religious judge of the Druze community, Sheikh Mursel Nassar, and the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch Ignatius Hazim also are participating in the talks.

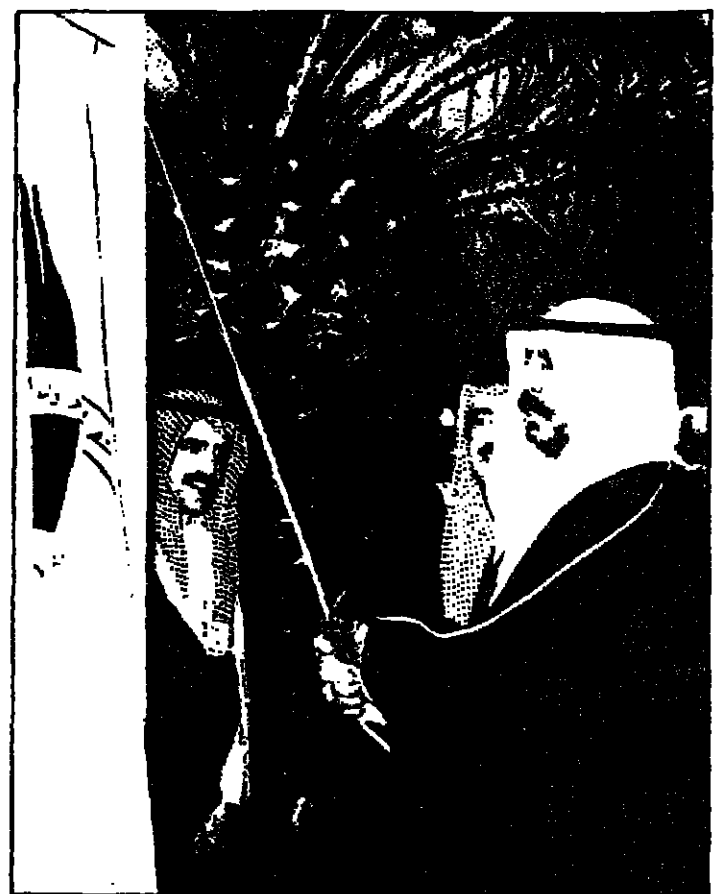
## Sheikh Saad inaugurates modernised oil refinery

KUWAIT, Feb 20. (Agencies) HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah today inaugurated the newly modernised and expanded Mina Abdullah Refinery.

The inauguration coincided with the celebration of Kuwait's 28th National Day.

The expansion of the refinery, that cost KD628 million (\$2.198 billion), has increased the production capacity to 200,000 barrels per day (BPD) from the previous level of 75,000 BPD. It took six years to complete the expansion.

With the modernisation of the Ahmadi refinery, Kuwait now owns three of the world's highly-advanced refineries, which have a total production capacity of 700,000 BPD and refine most of the country's production of crude oil.



HH the Crown Prince and Premier inaugurating the refinery.

**Storage**

A total of 60 new storage tanks have been added, thus increasing the storage capacity of the Mina Abdullah refinery from five million to 13 million barrels.

It is the last of the three refineries modernised under an eight-year KD1.43 billion (\$5 billion) programme to increase domestic refining capacity.

Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa said in his address at the inauguration ceremony that Kuwait planned to modernise old refineries in the beginning of the 1980s to make the oil industry self-sufficient.

He also said Kuwait's policy is to develop a highly efficient technical manpower capable of professionally operating the oil installations.

Sheikh Ali said the expansion plan includes modernisation of shipping facilities and ports. He said a man-made island has been added to facilitate the export of the refinery's products.

**Project**

He added that the multi-billion dollar project also encompasses the modification of the northern and southern platforms of the Ahmadi port, allowing greater flexibility in exporting crude oil and refined products.

The oil minister said the three

refineries have been linked by a network of pipelines, which allows them to work as an integrated refining complex.

Furthermore, he pointed out that the project would help integrate the Kuwaiti refineries and the refineries owned by the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation in Europe.

"This will enable Kuwait to reap the fruit of its efforts and huge investments and give it a big competitive edge."

Kuwait has spent KD18 million for training and upgrading the labour force during the 1986-87 and '87-'88 fiscal years, he said and predicted that another 18.5 million would be spent during the current and coming fiscal years for the purpose.

KPC Chairman Ahmed Abdel Mohsen Al Mutair said that the contract for the expansion project was signed in 1982 with Kuwait Santa Fe Brown Company for engineering and petroleum projects, owned by the KPC.

He said the modified refinery is a unique one since it contains a unit, which transforms leftovers of heavy oil into lighter distillates such as gas, oil and kerosene, in addition to producing 600,000 tons of petroleum coke.

With the refinery expansions, Kuwait can market more than three-fourths of its crude oil production as refined products. Kuwait's OPEC production quota is 1.037 million barrels daily.

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Faiyaka: 15°C 59°F

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Ahmadi: 12°C 54°F  
Faiyaka: 12°C 54°F

Maximum temperatures expected:  
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Ahmadi: 15°C 59°F  
Faiyaka: 16°C 61°F

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Kuwait: 89 per cent  
Ahmadi: 89 per cent  
Faiyaka: 95 per cent

## Protest at death threat against Rushdie

# EEC states to recall envoys from Tehran

BRUSSELS, Feb 20. (Agencies) The 12 EEC nations agreed today to recall their ambassadors from Iran to protest Ayatollah Khomeini's death threat against a British author for writing a book fundamentalist Muslims consider blasphemous.

The decision by the EEC foreign ministers came a day after Khomeini said Salman Rushdie "could not be forgiven even if he repents" for having written The Satanic Verses.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said the EEC nations also would hold off sending any high-level visits to Iran and would limit the freedom of movement of Iranian diplomats in Europe to within 60 kilometres (38 miles) of where they are stationed.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the British Foreign Secretary, said Britain would close down its diplomatic mission in Tehran altogether.

"In our particular case, we're not only bringing back our Charge (d'Affaires), Mr Nicholas Browne, as we've asked our colleagues to do. I've concluded that in addition it is no longer sensible to maintain a diplomatic presence in Tehran," he said.

**Leaving**

In addition to Browne, Howe told reporters, the four other British embassy staffers, including three diplomats "will therefore be leaving in the very near future."

"At the same time, we shall be making plain to the Iranian government and their charge in London the reasons for this action along with the implications for Mr Basti and his mission," he said in reference to the Iranian Charge d'Affaires Mohammed Basti.

Basti is Iran's lone diplomat in

London. Howe's comments seemed to indicate Iran would have no choice but to close down its mission in London.

The decision to recall the envoys was criticised by Barry Seal, leader of the socialist group in the European Parliament, who called it "wishy-washy" and unlikely to result in the lifting of the threat against Rushdie's life.

"This measure is exactly the wrong one. Our envoys should be kept there (in Tehran) to maintain the maximum diplomatic pressure," Seal said in a statement. He said the EEC should have imposed trade sanctions against Tehran and reviewed the access of Iranian students to EEC universities.

Also today, Ayatollah Mehdi Rouhani, spiritual leader of the Shiite Muslim community in Europe, said European governments should not take any irrevocable sanctions against

Iran because of the Rushdie affair.

Such an isolation, Rouhani said in Paris, where he lives, "would create a vacuum which would be filled by countries from the Eastern bloc."

The Archbishop of Canterbury stepped into the controversy today and condemned what he called incitement to murder.

A shadowy Iranian group issued a warning in London today threatening to target everything British from pubs to politicians if Rushdie does not come out of hiding.

A member of the Guardians of the Islamic Revolution in London said: "If Rushdie does not come out of hiding, British embassies abroad, British Airlines abroad and inside the country, the pubs and discos and other government offices will become our targets."

## Mubarak backs Moscow's Mideast peace initiative

CAIRO, Feb 20. (Reuters) Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze met Egyptian leaders today, winning further Arab backing for Moscow's Middle East peace initiative.

"The views of the Soviet and Egyptian leadership were identical," Shevardnadze said after three hours of talks with President Hosni Mubarak.

The Soviet minister, making the Kremlin's biggest diplomatic push in the Middle East for years, was also to hold talks in Cairo with Israel and the PLO.

**Results**

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens arrived in Egypt — the only Arab state which recognises Israel — as the Mubarak-Shevardnadze meeting ended.

Shevardnadze was "broadly" been to Syria and Jordan, winning their support for a peace plan which emphasises the role of the UN Security Council.



Hosni Mubarak

He will be going on to Iraq and Iran and will discuss the results of his trip with the new US Secretary of State, James Baker, in Vienna next month.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Maguid told reporters

after the Egyptian-Soviet talks: "We concentrated on the need to hold an international peace conference in which all parties will participate, including the PLO, to help achieve the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

Shevardnadze, the most senior Kremlin leader to visit Egypt in more than a decade, was alone with Mubarak for two hours before they were joined by aides for lunch.

"The talks were deep and important," he told reporters.

Arens was to meet Mubarak later today and Shevardnadze on Wednesday.

**Thaw**

An Egyptian spokesman, Mamdouh Al Beltagi, said Shevardnadze would meet PLO leader Yasser Arafat in Cairo on Wednesday — after Arens has left — on Thursday.

The Soviet Union cut ties with

Israel during the 1967 Middle East war but there has been a thaw in relations since Mikhail Gorbachev took power in Moscow.

Arens, however, is unlikely to support Shevardnadze's peace plan. Israel wants a peace conference with Arab states — but not with the PLO taking part, and does not want the UN to play a major role in setting up the conference.

Shevardnadze told reporters on arrival in Cairo that "there are signs that a peace conference would convene next year."

In Washington, Secretary of State James Baker said yesterday he did not think an early meeting of the big powers was the best way to resolve the Middle East crisis.

"We think there ought to be some quiet consultation done before we ever get close to that," Baker said on television.

## Kuwait may invest in Eastern Europe

KUWAIT, Feb 20. (Reuters) Kuwait, one of the world's biggest investors, is studying new investments in Eastern Europe and China as socialist economies there open up to foreign capital.

Fahd Al Rashid, managing director of the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA), said Kuwait was examining participation in projects in Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Hungary as a result of their more liberal economic policies.

He said Kuwait saw greater opportunities in Western Europe with the advent of a common market in 1992, and continued investment growth in the booming economies of the Far East.

"The Eastern bloc and People's Republic of China are emerging as areas that are candidates or potential candidates for Kuwaiti investments," Rashid said.

**Process**

"Some of these countries are in the process of formulating the full framework that will govern foreign investment, but we expect they will eventually have a viable investment environment."

KIA has built up a giant portfolio of investments at some \$80 billion in surplus oil revenue invested mostly in stocks, bonds and real estate in the West and Japan.

Exposure in socialist countries has so far been limited to loans to the Soviet Union and East Germany, and fledgling manufacturing ventures in China.

The normally low-profile KIA caused shock waves in Britain last year when its London-based subsidiary, the Kuwait Investment Office (KIO), snapped up

21.6 per cent of the country's largest company, British Petroleum.

KIO was later forced to sell more than half the shares after Britain's Monopolies and Mergers Commission found the size of its BP stake a potential threat to British interests.

Rashed said Kuwait's search for new geographic areas for investment did not reflect disenchantment with the West but a longstanding diversification policy.

Joint ventures in East Europe, perhaps with Western partners, were increasingly attractive as a result of economic reforms that encouraged foreign finance. But Rashid said Kuwait would move cautiously to ensure commercial return.

He said Western Europe's share of the Kuwaiti portfolio could have declined had the European Economic Community not embarked on the abolition of trade barriers by 1992.

"The development of 1992 will make Europe's position in any international portfolio at least maintain its importance," Rashid said.

The secretive KIA has not disclosed the value or geographic spread of its portfolio since 1985 when foreign securities were valued at \$36 billion with 40 per cent in Western Europe and 36 per cent in the United States.

Rashed said economic liberalism and dynamism, skilled manpower, untapped natural resources and steps toward economic integration made the Pacific basin and Asia as a whole a growth area for Kuwaiti investment.

## Afghan premier quits

KABUL, Feb 20. (Agencies) Prime Minister Mohammad Hasan Sharq resigned today as a special 20-member military council convened to plan strategy for fighting Muslim rebels trying to topple the government, sources said.

Sharq, 63, was one of the few members of the 28-member cabinet who did not belong to President Najib's ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan.

The sources, who spoke on condition of not being identified, said Sharq resigned for "medical reasons."

One source, who is an official in both the government and the ruling party, said Sharq met Najib and agreed the President should head the cabinet during a state of emergency declared over the weekend.

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## DAY BY DAY

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Sirhan says he did not intend to kill Kennedy

NEW YORK, Feb. 20, (Agencies): In a rare interview, Sirhan Sirhan said he did not intend to kill Robert Kennedy and only went to the Los Angeles hotel where he shot the presidential candidate because he heard "there was a big party."

But Sirhan did admit in the interview to be broadcast tomorrow on the syndicated American television programme "Inside Edition" that he felt betrayed by Kennedy's support of Israel.

The interview was conducted by David Frost at the Soledad, California, prison where Sirhan, 44, is serving a life sentence for the 1968 killing.

Sirhan's account of his motives for the killing and his activities on the day he shot Kennedy are a series of rambling and often confusing statements.

**Victory**  
In the interview, Sirhan, a Palestinian who was "incensed" over Israel's victory in the 1967 Middle East war, said Kennedy was his hero until the New York senator promised to send jet fighters to Israel.

"That was a betrayal," Sirhan said. "It was sad for me to accept... All my hopes were with Bobby Kennedy. ... I was his supporter."

Sirhan admitted he said Kennedy must die, but added he did not intend to kill him when he went to the Ambassador Hotel, where Kennedy was celebrating his victory in the California Democratic presidential primary.

"I was not doing it out of personal malice towards the man but out of concern for other people," Sirhan said. "Robert Kennedy represented a tremendous threat to Arabs by his support of the Arabs' enemies."

**Champion**  
Still, Sirhan, called Kennedy his hero and said his anger at the senator did not justify his action.

"He was my hero. He was my champion. He was the protector and the defender of the downtrodden and the disadvantaged," Sirhan said. "I can't say anything except that I am totally sorry and

feel nothing but remorse for having caused that tragic death."

"I was young. I was immature. I was wild. ... I wish that I could reverse all of my actions," Sirhan said. "I was operating at the time under some mental deficiency."

"To me it was a coincidence," said Sirhan of his death threat and the assassination, "and I realise ... the unbelievable of it."

"That is the point that I am trying to get across," he said. "Because of the unbelievable of it, that you should consider believing it."

**Plan**  
When asked if anyone helped him plan the assassination, Sirhan said "no body. ... I would not have ... you know, participated in a plan with someone."

He claimed that he bought the gun used in the assassination from a friend of his brother's "more for sport than anything."

Sirhan said he spent the day of the assassination at the firing range.

"There were other people at the range," he said. "It was ... a good sort of a get-together at the gun range."

Later, Sirhan said he went to the Ambassador Hotel because "I heard there was a big party."

"I don't know that Sen. Kennedy was down there," said Sirhan.

He said when he got there, "there was a lot of drinking." "It was quite a lively affair and I lost myself in it," Sirhan said. "It was sort of enjoyable for me, but it ended in tragedy."

## 80-vehicle pile-up

MILAN, Italy, Feb. 20, (Reuters): At least three people were killed and 30 injured in an 80-vehicle pile-up in thick fog on a northern Italian motorway today, police said.

They said several cars and lorries had caught fire and that the dead had been trapped inside. Police closed both carriageways of the motorway near Piacenza, about 60 km (40 miles) south of Milan.

## Lebanese Army, militia rivals hold surprise talks

BEIRUT, Feb. 20, (Reuters): The leaders of Lebanon's warring Christian factions held a surprise meeting today in an attempt to resolve a conflict that killed at least 58 people last week.

Army commander Major-General Michel Aoun met Lebanese Forces (LF) leader Samir Geagea for two hours at the presidential palace in the Christian suburb of Ba'abda, official sources said.

Geagea later told reporters: "It was a positive meeting during which all issues were discussed. We can say all what happened (the fighting) is over for good."

Aoun, who has vowed to curb the LF's quasi-governmental activities, did not comment on the talks, his first with Geagea since street battles erupted last Tuesday.

**Disposal**  
On Sunday, Geagea vowed to put his 12,000-strong force at Aoun's disposal, but said he would only withdraw his militia from East Beirut when Syria pulled out its troops from the Muslim western sector of the capital.

The Army and the militia, however, were seen yesterday reinforcing their positions, with LF militiamen digging trenches and erecting checkpoints.

Aoun, whose mainly-Christian units remain on full alert behind tanks and artillery, says he is set on building a strong central authority in war-ravaged Lebanon.

He demands that LF militiamen go to barracks under Army control, stop levying taxes, and quit two illegal ports.

He also wants the LF to close down its National Development Council which sponsors economic and social projects.

**Comprising**  
Aoun and Geagea share control of the Christian enclave comprising East Beirut and mountains to the north and east, while Muslim militiamen and Syrian troops control West Beirut and other parts of the country.

Geagea has said he was ready to offer concessions to avoid fresh fighting and pulled his men back to their barracks but has not met Aoun's other demands.

Political analysts say Geagea was moderating his usually tough tone to gain the support of Christian public opinion, divided between the Army and the militia.

**Gorbachev flies to Ukraine**

MOSCOW, Feb. 20, (Reuters): Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev flew to the Ukraine today for a tour Soviet officials said would include his first visit to the site of the 1986 nuclear power plant disaster at Chernobyl.

Gorbachev, who was met at Kiev airport by long-serving Ukrainian Communist Party chief Vladimir Shcherbitsky, is also expected to use the tour to urge continued public support for his reform programme despite persistent food supply problems.

The official Tass news agency said the 57-year-old party leader and President would visit "major industrial and cultural centres" and meet industrial and agricultural workers as well as scientists and Ukrainian government and communist officials.

Although the agency did not mention Chernobyl, 130 km (80 miles) north of the Ukrainian capital, officials said privately it was on the programme.

**Effects**  
The visit comes as official reports are signalling the effects of the explosion on April 26, 1986, were worse than at first revealed.

Over the past month, villagers in parts of Byelorussia to the northwest have been evacuated from their homes after scientists established that high levels of radiation persisted.

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## After the agreement on carefully managed elections Government, Solidarity seek accord on economic reform

WARSAW, Feb. 20, (Reuters): Poland's communist authorities and the banned Solidarity trade union sought agreement on urgently needed economic reforms today after reaching a compromise on changing the electoral system.

Government and Solidarity negotiators discussed proposals to revive the economy, such as creating an index tying wages to inflation and abolishing the system under which the Communist Party appoints all important industrial managers.

Solidarity sources said the government also promised to supply sensitive figures on the size of the defence and interior ministries' budgets. The authorities are reluctant to accept Solidarity demands for cuts in these budgets.

**Reviewed**  
The talks took place as separate government and opposition teams reviewed the state of Poland's vital coal-mining industry. They were the latest effort by the two sides to strike a broad deal on political and economic change to stabilise the country.

The talks, which started on Feb. 6, have already produced tentative agreement to re-legislate Solidarity, which was suppressed

under martial law in December 1981 but in recent months has operated almost completely in the open.

The negotiations made a breakthrough of similar importance on Saturday when Solidarity accepted a proposal for elections that would give the opposition up to 40 per cent of seats in parliament but ensure a majority for the party and its allies.

"As a result of this proposal, quite new political forces will appear in the Polish parliament, forces which have so far not exerted much influence on the authorities," government negotiator Janusz Reykowski told reporters.

Solidarity boycotted all elections after the declaration of martial law. But union leaders said that, in return for their movement's re-legislation, they were ready to accept what amounted to a government offer of carefully managed elections.

The authorities last week offered the opposition an easing of media censorship and the right to an independent daily newspaper. But union negotiators said there were disagreements over access to the state television and radio network.

The discussions on economic

reform are amongst the most important as Poland is grappling with an inflation rate that hit 74 per cent last year and a foreign debt of about \$37 billion which it has practically no means to repay.

Official newspapers published new exchange rates today which showed the government had devalued the zloty by 7.45 per cent to 555 to the dollar from 513.63 last Friday. In 1980, when Solidarity emerged, the zloty was about 25 to the dollar.

In the latest price increases, the authorities last weekend announced rises of about seven per cent for bread and wheat flour. Much larger rises for public transport, newspapers, medicines and other items have been announced this year.

Solidarity elected a temporary leadership on Sunday for its Warsaw region. Activists renamed Zbigniew Bujak, the Warsaw leader in 1980-81 and Poland's most popular clandestine activist under martial law, to his old post.

In the southeastern town of Rzeszow, the leaders of rural Solidarity, the union of private farmers that was also suppressed under martial law, set up groups to draft a new statute for their organisation.

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## Indian opposition to raise Bhopal settlement issue in Parliament

NEW DELHI, Feb. 20, (UPI): Opposition leaders agreed today on the eve of the opening of Parliament to make the \$470 million Bhopal gas leak disaster settlement with Union Carbide Corp., the key issue on which to unite against the government during the session.

"We have put the Bhopal agreement on top of the agenda. Besides that, we will grill the government over a host of other issues," Madhav Reddy, a legislator of Telugu Desam Party, told United Press International.

He and another legislator who attended a meeting of opposition leaders on the eve of the three-month budget session of Parliament said the Bhopal disaster settlement represented a new trend of "surrendering to multinational" by the government of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

The two were also referring a proposal now being considered by Rajiv to allow the US-based Coca Cola Co. into India after an absence of more than 11 years.

The government last year agreed to permit another US cola giant, PepsiCo, to operate in India despite stiff opposition from domestic manufacturers and opposition lawmakers.

Under the terms of the accord to end litigation on history's worst industrial disaster, Union Carbide and its India subsidiary agreed to pay \$470 million in compensation for victims of the Dec 3, 1984, leak of lethal

vapours from the firm's now-defunct pesticide plant in the Madhya Pradesh state capital of Bhopal.

**Benefitted**  
In approving the settlement last Wednesday, the Supreme Court also quashed all criminal charges brought against the US-headquartered company and present and former employees.

"The Bhopal settlement dominated the (opposition) meeting," said Reddy.

"It is ridiculously low compensation and we believe someone has benefitted from the deal," said Dipen Ghosh of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), reiterating opposition charges that it was arranged "through kickbacks to unnamed politicians."

The company and the government have denied the allegations. Ghosh added that the opposition would attempt to pin down the government on exactly why it accepted the \$470 million when it had been seeking \$3 billion in damages from the disaster that has claimed more than 3,400 lives.

The opposition conclave was attended by leaders of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), the Communist Party of India, the rightist Bharatiya Janata Party, several regional parties and the centrist Janata Dal Party of Rajiv's former Finance Minister V.P. Singh, widely viewed as the main threat to the prime minister in general elections that must be called this year.

Rajiv's Congress (I) Party has held a more than two-thirds majority in the powerful 546-seat lower house, or Lok Sabha, since it stormed to power in December 1984 polls following the assassination of his mother and predecessor, Indira Gandhi.

**Popularity**  
However, in an indication of a loss of popularity since then, the party has been defeated in a series of by-elections for the consultative upper house, or Rajya Sabha, which have cut into its majority there.

A statement issued by the opposition leaders accused the government of failing to resolve the nation's most pressing problems, including communal violence, the Sikh separatist movement in northern Punjab and growing fiscal woes.

Other issues to be raised during the parliamentary session will be the increase in the prices of essential commodities, including coal, milk, sugar and foodgrain, the statement said.

The opposition move to launch a joint offensive against the four-year-old government comes as Rajiv faces unprecedented disaffection by Congress (I) Party legislators in eastern Bihar, northern Rajasthan and western Gujarat states following a humiliating defeat of the party last month in assembly elections in southern Tamil Nadu state.

**Secret tunnel smuggling**

CAIRO, Feb. 20, (Reuters): A family used a secret tunnel linking Egypt and the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip in a rag-to-riches smuggling operation, police sources said.

They said cartloads of Israeli-made clothes were towed through the tunnel which linked a house in the Gaza Strip with one in Egypt.

The sources said the tunnel in the Sinai peninsula town of Rafah, which is cut in half by the border, was 50 metres (yards) long and a metre wide.

Police arrested three men on the Egyptian side on Saturday, the sources said, but it was not known if they would be charged or how long they had been using the tunnel.

**Airport on alert**

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 20, (Reuters): Amsterdam's Schiphol airport went on alert for eight hours overnight after being informed that an Israeli airliner might be attacked, police said today.

## Afghan premier quits

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Thatcher

## Thatcher in Frankfurt to brief Kohl on missile issue

FRANKFURT, Feb. 20, (UPI): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher arrived today on a two-day visit to Frankfurt, where she is expected to sound out Chancellor Helmut Kohl about his reservations on modernising NATO's short-range nuclear missiles based in West Germany.

Thatcher's trip to West Germany follows a visit to 14 NATO nations last week by US Secretary of State James Baker, who said he expected the issue of modernising short-range nuclear missiles in Europe to be resolved within the next three months, prior to a summit of NATO leaders tentatively scheduled for the last half of May.

Earlier this month, Kohl, with the backing of Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, said he saw no need to modernise the West German-based Lance missiles, which have a range of about 75 miles, until 1991 or 1992 — after the next German election.

**Chance**  
Diplomats expect Thatcher to sound out Kohl on the issue when she meets with him later today after lunch with Bundesbank President Karl Otto Poehl and a tour of the old town of Frankfurt, West Germany's business capital. Thatcher will again hold talks with Kohl tomorrow morning.

"Thatcher is likely to try to persuade Kohl on the modernisation issue, but has a slim chance of succeeding," said a source close to the British delegation.

"There is little likelihood of an agreement on the issue, it will rather be another step toward the NATO meeting," the source said.

Kohl said the modernisation should only be dealt with as part of a "comprehensive concept" to be discussed at the NATO summit. He said any new steps taken should be balanced by arms control talks with the Soviets, who have considerably more short-range missiles aimed at Western Europe than NATO, according to alliance officials.

Diplomats attribute his caution on the issue to public sensitivity in West Germany, where many people fear their country would be the main theatre of East-West hostilities if ever a war were declared in Europe.

**Strong**  
Other factors cited are the strong anti-missile lobby and memories of the widespread demonstrations during the early and mid-1980s in West Germany and other NATO countries against deployment of US-made Pershing-2 and cruise missiles.

"We look forward to talking with Mr. Kohl and we look forward to hearing what they have to say on these issues," said a British government spokesman.

"The question is to be taken," he said. Britain, like the United States, believes in the value of an early commitment on modernisation.

Officials said Britain and the United States are seeking some form of commitment or compromise from Bonn on the missile issue before Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev travels to West Germany in June.

Also on the Thatcher-Kohl agenda is the 12-nation European Economic Community, which is moving toward a tariff-free internal market by 1992.

**Bomb threat**

ATHENS, Feb. 20, (Reuters): A bomb threat forced the evacuation of a courthouse where a Palestinian wanted by the United States for an airliner bombing appeared today to face charges of hiding weapons in his prison cell.

Mohammed Rashid, accused of bombing a Pan American airliner in 1982, was later cleared of the weapons charge and returned to his cell to await the Greek Supreme Court's decision on a US extradition request.

**Planes collide**

KINGSBURY, New York, Feb. 20, (AP): Two small planes apparently collided over the Adirondack Mountains, killing five people and critically injuring a pilot, authorities said.

The two planes were found yesterday about a quarter-mile (half a kilometre) from each other in a logging area of 60 miles (96 kilometres) north of Albany, according to Lt. Col. Lloyd Linger of the Civil Air Patrol.

Civil Air Patrol Maj. Gary R. Picher said one witness, who lives near the Warren county airport, said he "heard a loud noise, looked up and saw one plane going one way and one plane going the other way."

**Peace talks**

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 20, (Reuters): Polisario guerrillas will hold a new round of peace talks with Morocco's King Hassan next week, Polisario secretary-general Mohamed Abdelaziz said today.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Ban on liquor imports

BEIJING, Feb. 20, (AP): Cigarette and liquor imports will be banned this year as part of China's drive to save foreign currency and end abuses in its foreign trade system.

Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Minister Zheng Tuobin also announced a ban on reselling export licenses, and tightening controls over the import of all products that can be made in China, the overseas edition of the official People's Daily (Renmin Ribao) reported today.

## Strong warning

SEOUL, Feb. 20, (AP): The government issued a strong warning to demonstrators today as dissidents vowed to push ahead with plans to stage protests against a visit by US President George Bush.

Meanwhile, in the southern city of Kwangju, bands of 100 to 200 protesters staged violent street protests after some 3,000 riot police blocked an anti-government, anti-US rally, the Korean news agency Yonhap said.

## Funeral security

TOKYO, Feb. 20, (AP): With more than 30,000 police in town to provide security during the funeral of Emperor Hirohito on Friday, Tokyo residents are feeling the pressure of what police say is the largest operation of its kind carried out in Japan.

On the day of the funeral, police plan to deploy a security force of 32,000 in Tokyo, up from 26,000 on Feb. 14 and 15,000 on Jan. 7, when Hirohito died of cancer.

## Earthquake damage

MOSCOW, Feb. 20, (AP): The earthquake that struck the Armenian republic last December caused 10 billion rubles (\$16.2 billion) worth of damage and destroyed 58 villages and towns, the Tass news agency said today.

The earthquake, which struck Dec. 7, killed 25,000 people and injured 19,000, the Armenian committee on statistics said in a report published by the news agency.

## Boeing evacuated

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20, (UPI): An Air Canada Boeing 727 was evacuated on the runway at San Francisco international airport yesterday because of a fuel leak, authorities said.

The 100 passengers on Flight 758 to Toronto, scheduled to depart at 7:50 am, got off the jet safely via the back stairs and were taken back to the terminal while the aircraft was inspected.

Air Canada spokesman Ronald White in Montreal said evacuation chutes were not required and there were no injuries or other problems.

## Meningitis

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20, (UPI): An unusual outbreak of a deadly form of meningitis in a northern California county may last through April and likely will spread and strike again next winter and spring, experts predict.

A survey of a dozen health officials shows it is not the number of cases they find worrisome, but the rare circumstances involved in Santa Clara county, where 19 people have contracted meningococcal meningitis since October and three have died since December.



## Pay \$20,000 a night to live like a king in China

BEIJING, Feb. 20, (Reuters): Fancy being pampered like a king as a guest of China?

You can sleep in the same bed, swim in the same pool and eat the same dishes as US President George Bush — for just \$20,000 a night in China's elitist Diaoyutai State Guesthouse.

In tune with China's swing from communism to a more capitalist-style society, the state-run residence on Beijing's western fringes has thrown open its suites to the wealthy as well as the famous. "All of Beijing's parks are crowded but here it is peaceful and tranquil. This is no ordinary hotel and, best of all, it is secure," said deputy director Sun Guotang.

Swaths of parkland with lakes and streams, the fishing grounds of emperors 800 years ago, give each of the 15 villas the air of a country mansion.

Preparations for Bush's arrival on Saturday, the day after Emperor Hirohito's funeral in Tokyo, are especially hectic.

### Security

A satellite ground station is being set up. US security officers are making the rounds. The Chinese side, as of today, still had no final name-list for the official party.

"Time is very short to prepare. His programme is tight. The delegation is very big," said Sun whose worries include waiting for a reply from Bush's advance team on just how warm the President likes his swimming pool.

"This is not politics," said Sun, a former diplomat. "We just want to make his stay as comfortable as possible."

Pointing across a frozen lake, Sun sang the praises of the two-story villa which will be home for two days for Bush, his wife Barbara and their immediate entourage.

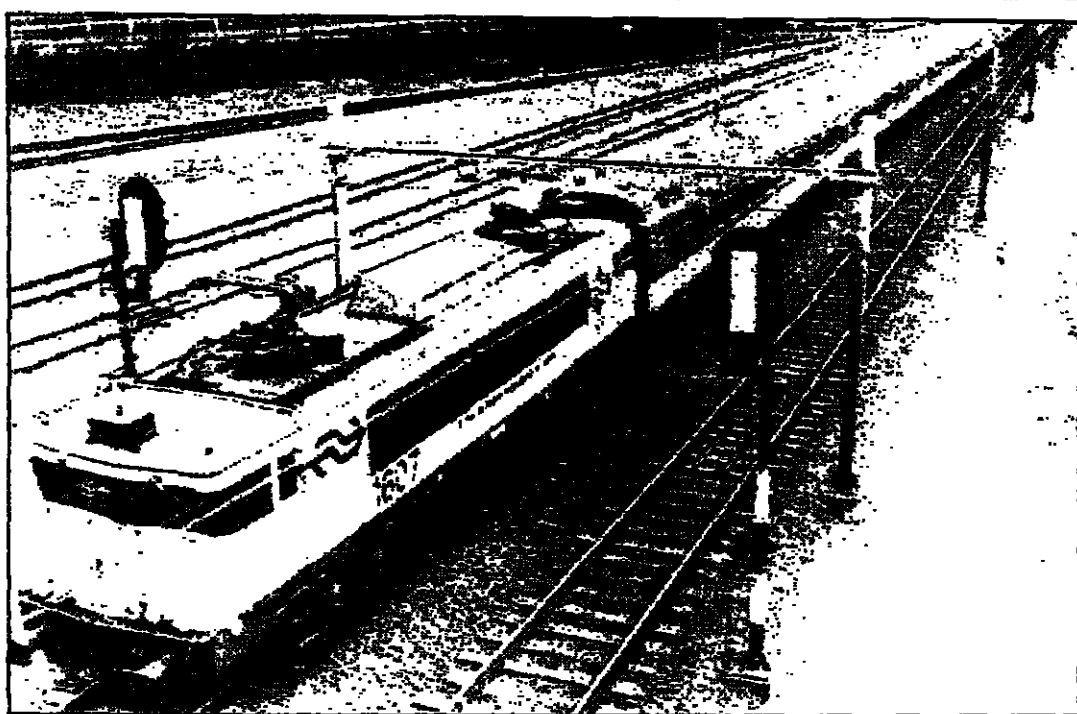
Renovated in 1986 for Britain's Queen Elizabeth, the 24-bedroom villa has recently housed Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Pakistan's Benazir Bhutto.

## Khamenei in Belgrade

BELGRADE, Feb. 20, (AP): Iranian President Ali Khamenei arrived here today.

The official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said Khamenei arrived on a three-day official visit, his first trip to a European country, to discuss economic and bilateral relations between the two non-aligned countries.

Heading a high-ranking Iranian delegation, which includes Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, Khamenei was greeted at Belgrade airport by Yugoslav President Raif Dizdarevic.



● The world's longest passenger train with 60 carriages, taking up one-and-a-half kilometres of track, leaves the Zwijndrecht station in the Netherlands. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Iran to free 260 Iraqi prisoners

BAGHDAD, Feb. 20, (Reuters): The first of a new batch of 260 Iraqi prisoners of war to be freed by Iran will arrive in Baghdad tomorrow, a spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said today.

The repatriation of the Iraqi POWs will be carried out over three days starting from Feb. 21 and an ICRC-chartered aircraft will fly them to Baghdad. "ICRC press officer Arnold Luethol told Reuters."

Last month Iraq freed 255 Iranians in what it called a unilateral peace gesture. It still holds some 30,000 Iranians captured during the eight-year war while Iran holds more than twice that number of Iraqis, according to ICRC estimates.

An exchange of several hundred prisoners in November broke down after three days when Iran and Iraq cut numbers promised for release and accused each other of bad faith.

Iraq said last week the 260 Iraqis to be released this week were sick or disabled.

## UK to help Dhaka in flood prevention

DHAKA, Feb. 20, (Reuters): Britain has volunteered to help raise billions of dollars to prevent floods that kill thousands of Bangladeshis each year, Bangladesh's foreign minister said today.

"This is a gigantic task which will need at least five to six billion dollars," Anisul Islam Mahmud told reporters.

Mahmud, briefing journalists on President Hussain Mohammad Ershad's five-day official visit to London last week, said Britain had offered to sponsor an international conference on the flooding.

### Talks

He said the offer was made at a meeting between Ershad and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. He said several Western countries as well as the international financial agencies would attend the talks, which might be held in London.

More than 3,000 people had been killed last year in floods that were described as the worst in 40 years.

Mahmud said the money would help Bangladesh to build embankments, dredge rivers to increase their depth and to control the flow of rivers that carry floodwaters during monsoon.

Mahmud said Ershad had told British leaders he intended to restore democracy in Bangladesh.

### Democracy

"We don't brag that we have Westminster-type of democracy. Neither do we say that we had ideal elections. But we do say that we have honest intentions to establish real democracy."

"This is what we have told our friends in Britain," Mahmud said.

Ershad, a general who has ruled the country for seven years, held a parliamentary election in March last year in which his Jatiya Party won an absolute majority. The main opposition parties boycotted the polls.

Ershad told reporters in London he was ready to hold fresh elections but the opposition, which wants him to step down, had to meet him for talks first.

## Indian tribe seeks separate state

GUWAHATI, Feb. 20, (AP): Bodo tribespeople have unleashed a wave of killings, arson, bombings and kidnappings in the last 10 days, to underpin demands of a separate state on the northern bank of the Brahmaputra river in remote northeastern Assam state.

Officials say 29 people, including at least four Bodo militants have died since the latest round of agitation for a separate state began Feb. 8.

Director-General of Assam police, S.V. Subramaniam told reporters that train services in the northeastern region were halted on Saturday after bombs were found planted along the tracks

near Kokrajhar, in the narrow corridor of land linking Assam and six other northeastern states with the rest of India.

Discontent among the Bodos has been simmering for more than 20 years as Assamese Hindus moved closer to their forest homes, but there were few reports of violence until about two years ago.

### Arms

Officials in Guwahati, Assam's capital, believe they were inspired by the publicity given Gurkha militants who waged a guerrilla war in neighbouring West Bengal state.

Subsequently, "the (Bodo)

tribal extremists obtained arms from the Gurkhaland militants," said an intelligence officer who spoke recently on condition of anonymity.

He said Bodo youths also set up training camps and were given sanctuary in the neighbouring Kingdom of Bhutan.

There are about 5.5 million Bodos in Assam, one-fourth of the state's population. The most militant, spearheaded by the All-Bodo Students Union, are demanding a separate state within the Indian nation on the northern bank of the Brahmaputra river wedged under Bhutan and the Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh.

## Troops demolish Palestinian homes

## West Bank strike continues

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 20, (AP): Palestinians staged a general strike for a second straight day today to protest the Israeli occupation, and troops bulldozed or sealed four houses of West Bank Arabs accused of throwing firebombs at Israeli soldiers and civilians.

In the diplomatic arena, Foreign Minister Moshe Arens was en route to Cairo for meetings with his Soviet counterpart, Eduard Shevardnadze, and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Arens will reportedly push for the resumption of ties, severed by Moscow after the 1967 Middle East war, and Israeli media quoted officials in Jerusalem as saying there were increasing indications relations might resume before the end of the year.

### Cards

The general strike was called by the pro-PLO unified national leadership of the uprising for a period of three days. It was the longest strike since the December 1987 start of the uprising.

In a counter move, the Army declared Nablus, the West Bank's largest city, a closed military area, and erected roadblocks at the four entrances to stop motorists from entering the city.

Inside Nablus, troops stopped dozens of Arab-owned cars, confiscated the drivers' identity cards and ordered them to remove outlawed Palestinian flags and pro-PLO wall graffiti, an Arab reporter said. Palestinians are subject to immediate arrest if they don't carry their Israeli-issued identity cards.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, meanwhile, troops shot and wounded two Palestinians during clashes in the Deir El Balah refugee camp. Arab doctors said.

### Gestures

In the northern West Bank city of Jenin, troops bulldozed the house of a resident accused of throwing three firebombs at an Israeli Army vehicle, an Army official said. The official did not know if anyone was injured in the attack.

The Army also sealed three homes of suspected firebomb throwers, one in the West Bank village of Hawwara and two in the village of Dahiat Al Barrad near Jerusalem, the official said.

The United States has criticised house demolitions and sealings, saying they violate the right to due process. Houses are usually demolished or sealed before a suspect is charged.

In another development, Palestinian leader Faisal Hus-

seini, considered a top PLO supporter in the occupied lands, made a conciliatory gesture to Israel, saying a Palestinian state would not need an army.

"What do armies do in this part of the world?" Husseini was quoted as saying by the Jerusalem Post newspaper during a speech in Tel Aviv. "Either they take over the country in coups or they end up in the Knesset (Israeli parliament) in other ways."

The PLO has argued that a Palestinian state should have all attributes of statehood, including an army. The Israeli government objects to the formation of a Palestinian state, saying it would endanger the security of the Jewish state.

Husseini was released from Israeli detention last month after spending 18 of the past 22 months in prison without benefit of a trial. Since his release, he has met with several left-wing and liberal Israeli legislators.

In Cairo, Arens was scheduled to meet with Shevardnadze and Mubarak to discuss the Arab-Israeli conflict.

A senior Soviet diplomat in Cairo expressed optimism about the resumption of diplomatic ties between Israel and the Soviet Union.

## Hindu family shot dead in Punjab

AMRITSAR, Feb. 20, (AP): Sikh extremists burst into the house of a Hindu family in a village in Punjab state, killing the parents and two teen-age sons, police said today.

In another Punjab town, a Sikh schoolmaster was found hanged to death from a tree, the 15th hanging in the state since the militants vowed to avenge the Jan 6 executions of two Sikhs convicted in the 1984 assassination of Prime Minister Gandhi.

At least 292 people have been killed in the predominantly Sikh state so far this year by radical Sikhs pressing their campaign for an independent homeland.

Senior police superintendent Sanjiv Gupta said five or six Sikhs with Chinese-made T-56 semi-automatic rifles forced their way last night into Ram Prakash's house in Khara, 43 kilometres south of Amritsar, and sprayed the room with bullets. Prakash, his wife and two sons were killed, Gupta said.

Press Trust of India reported that the body of schoolmaster Surjan Singh was found hanging from a tree today in Talwandi Rai, 25 kilometres northwest of Amritsar.

Sikhs outnumber Hindus in the rich farming state of Punjab but comprise only two per cent of the nation-wide population of 880 million. Hindus account for 82 per cent of the national population.

## Former Tamil rebels poisoned

COLOMBO, Feb. 20, (Agencies): Forty members of a former Tamil rebel group that took power in Northeastern Province council polls struggled to survive today after allegedly being poisoned by guerrillas who refused to end a war for a separate Tamil nation.

A spokesman for the Eelam Peoples Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF) said 40 of the party's cadres were stricken with cyanide poisoning after eating potato curry on Saturday.

The EPRLF spokesman blamed the poisoning on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the only group of ethnic Tamil rebels that rejected a July 1987 Indo-Sri Lankan accord aimed at ending a more than five-year war for independence for Northeastern Province, home to most of the island's three million-strong Tamil minority.

He said several EPRLF members purchased a sack of potatoes in a market in Mullaitivu, 170 miles (280 km) north of Colombo, and left the bag in a shop while they bought other provisions. It was then that cyanide was injected into the potatoes by LTTE operatives, he charges.

### Critical

"Ten of our comrades are critical" and were brought to the hospital run by medics of a 60,000-man Indian military force that was deployed in Tamil

areas under the Indo-Sri Lankan accord to crush the LTTE, said the spokesman, who gave his name only as Somu.

"Thirty more of our comrades are undergoing treatment" in a different hospital, Somu said, adding that two of the victims were women.

The EPRLF has long been at odds with the LTTE, which declared war on the EPRLF after it endorsed the Indo-Sri Lankan accord. The agreement granted limited self-rule to Northeastern Province in a bid to satisfy Tamil demands for independence from the central government, which is controlled by Sri Lanka's ethnic Sinhalese majority.

It contested November polls for a new provincial council, winning a majority of the 71 seats. But, its members are under constant threat by the LTTE.

### Violence

Meanwhile, a previously unknown organisation has opened the first bout of violence since elections in this Indian Ocean island nation by killing at least 20 Sinhalese men, military officials said yesterday.

The bodies, with gunshot wounds, were discovered late Saturday in villages in Anuradhapura district, 165 kilometres (105 miles) northeast of Colombo in the Sinhalese heartland of central Sri Lanka, said officials of the military joint operations command.

## Rumours of a coup again sweep Philippines

MANILA, Feb. 20, (AP): Share prices closed lower today on the Manila Stock Exchange, and analysts said investors were worried about rumours that military extremists may launch a new coup attempt when President Corason Aquino goes to Japan this week.

The composite index of 25 selected issues closed at 820.27, down 4.76 points from Friday. Analysts said they expected little movement until Mrs Aquino completes her one-day visit to Japan for the funeral of Emperor Hirohito on Friday.

Investors "are afraid some changes will occur and have definitely adopted a wait-and-see position prior to Aquino's trip to Japan," said an analyst at Citic Securities Inc., who spoke on condition he not be named.

"The bottom line is that she's leaving with a big question mark because you don't know what will happen when she is gone," said an analyst for Barcelona Roxas Securities Inc., a brokerage house.

### Plot

Rumours of another conspiracy against the Aquino government surfaced this month after military chief of staff Gen. Renato de Villa reported that former Lt Col Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan and two other renegade officers had held a secret meeting to discuss joining forces.

Honasan led the August 1987 coup attempt that killed 53 people and wounded 300 others. It was the most serious of the six armed attempts to topple Aquino since she took power on Feb. 25, 1986, after a popular uprising ousted President Ferdinand Marcos.

## Tomb robbers 'sentenced to death'

BEIJING, Feb. 20, (AP): A court in western China has given a suspended death sentence to the leader of a gang of tomb robbers, the official Xinhua news agency says.

The Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region court upheld a lower court death sentence for Yang Xionghin for encouraging peasants in the Turfan area to rob 86 tombs from the spring and autumn warring states period (770-221 B.C.).

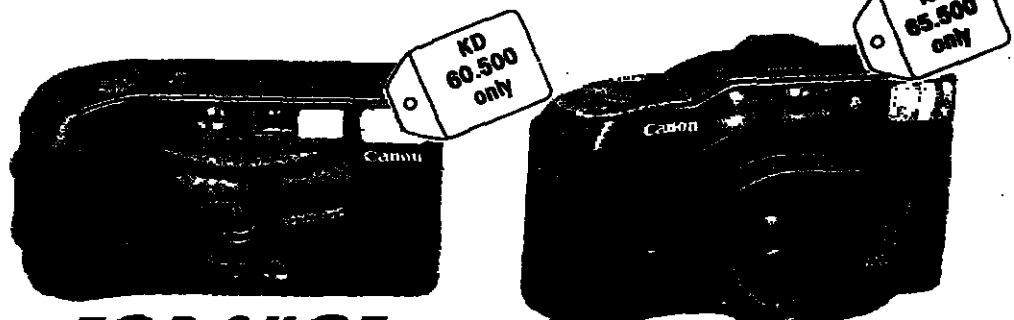
But the high court said the sentence would be converted to life imprisonment as long as the prisoner demonstrated repentance over the next two years.

Xinhua reported Friday that the peasants sold 90 stolen cultural relics to Yang for \$116. The relics individually command prices of thousands of dollars when smuggled to antique markets in Hong Kong and other foreign countries.

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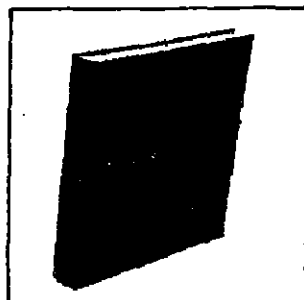
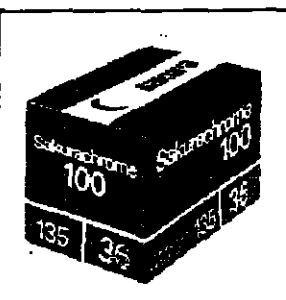


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## Amir, Crown Prince receive Arab engineers delegation

KUWAIT, Feb 20, (KUNA): HH the Amir today received heads of the Arab delegations participating in the Engineers Conference.

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah also received today at his diwan heads of delegations participating in the 18th Conference of Arab Engineers Federation.

The heads of the delegations presented to Sheikh Saad a memorial gift on the occasion. The meeting was attended by president of the Arab Engineers Federation Marwan Abdul Hameed and Deputy Head of the Federation and President of the Kuwaiti Engineers Union Bader Abdul Wahab Al Refai.

## Mubarak to visit UAE today

ABU DHABI, Feb 20, (AP): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is scheduled to arrive tomorrow on a two-day visit to the United Arab Emirates, the UAE official news agency WAM said today.

It said Mubarak will hold talks with UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan as "part of the continuous consultations between the two leaders to bolster joint-Arab action."

Mubarak visited the UAE in January 1988 after a 10-year break of diplomatic ties between Abu Dhabi and Cairo following its peace treaty with Israel. The Egyptian leader's visit will take place on his way to Japan for the funeral of Emperor Hirohito, and Egyptian diplomats here confirmed that he would meet in Tokyo with US President George Bush on the fringes of the ceremony. He is accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Planning, Kamal Ganzouri, and Minister of State for Administrative Planning, Atef Obeid.

## Three girls apprehended for stealing

THREE girls were yesterday apprehended by the police patrol at Salmiya area for stealing KD3,000 from a Kuwaiti woman, a local daily reported.

According to police sources, the victim had withdrawn the amount from the National Bank of Kuwait, Salmiya branch when a girl offered to drop her at her destination.

The lady agreed and went to the car where she noticed two other girls. While the lady was getting into the car, one of the girls snatched her handbag which contained the amount and fled.

A shop owner at the area noted the number of the car and informed the police patrol who apprehended the culprits.

## Family escapes home blaze

By Salem Al Wawan

AN employee working at the Ministry of Communications, his wife and their daughter escaped from a blaze in their flat in the Fintas area on Sunday night.

The three family members escaped the blaze, but were injured in their attempt to escape by throwing themselves out of their first floor flat.

Preliminary investigations revealed that the Jordanian employee Ibrahim had a serious fracture in his back, his wife is reported to be in a critical state and the daughter is suffering multiple fractures.

An electrical short circuit has been cited as the cause of the fire.

## Training course

A TRAINING course organised by Kuwait's Co-operative Societies Union and Kuwait University was opened by Ali Abu Hadidah, the Chairman of the union.

The training courses to be attended by employees from co-operative societies, aims at upgrading the capabilities of these personnel.

## Sultan Center completes year-long promotion

THE Sultan Center have successfully completed their first Shop, Save & Win promotion for 1989. This promotion started in January and ended on February 17th 1989.

There were together \$4 prizes to be won. The first prize included a 1989 Mitsubishi Galant Super Saloon car sponsored by M/S. Bader Al Mulla & Bros. in joint promotion.

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Houti (second right) visiting one of the stalls at the exhibition.

## Minister of public works opens building exhibition

By Lima Al Khalafawi

ABDUL Rahman Al Houti, the minister of public works yesterday opened Kuwait's International Building Engineering and Municipalities Exhibition at Mishrif Fairgrounds.

In an opening speech, Houti expressed his appreciation towards efforts exerted in the preparation of the 18th Arab Engineering Conference scheduled to coincide with the present exhibition.

This exhibition, coming at an exceptionally opportune time, coincides with a period of rapid growth in construction both in Kuwait and the region, he said.

He added that during the preceding few years, Kuwait was able to achieve all-round advancements in the field of urban development and construction and to make significant progress

in the development of national industries, residential areas and various public works projects.

The ongoing exhibition offers specialists and the general public an opportunity to acquaint and familiarise themselves with some of the latest developments in the field of construction engineering, Houti said.

A total of 21 governmental organisations, commercial establishments and scientific organisations participated.

Participants displayed powder coating of architectural aluminium profiles, glass for construction and industrial buildings, building materials, pipes, valves, anti-corrosion and pipe protection materials, saddles, silks, carpentry and blacksmithing tools and materials and pre-fabricated house.

The exhibition will continue till Feb 23.

## Aerospaciale chief meets with Iraqi defence officials

BAGHDAD, Feb 20, (AP): The head of the major French arms manufacturer Aerospaciale is conducting talks with senior Iraqi officials on joint ventures, a company official said today.

He said that Henri Martre, the Aerospaciale chief, was negotiating contracts for joint ventures in Iraq, but refused to give any details.

France was a major arms supplier for Iraq during the eight-year Gulf war with Iran that ended in a ceasefire on Aug 20. Iraq started developing its own

missiles during the war and is eager to upgrade its technology.

Western military analysts say they do not think Iraq has the sophisticated radar systems necessary to build complex intercept missiles, and needs stronger metals.

The state-run media said today that Martre conferred yesterday with Hussein Kamel, Iraq's minister of industry and military industrialisation, on means of "setting up a number of advanced industrial projects and means of transferring technology."

## Shuwaikh Industrial Area to be upgraded: official

THE Assistant Undersecretary for State Domains Affairs at Kuwait's Ministry of Finance, Abdul Hameed Hussain, was quoted as saying that a committee from the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Planning, Kuwait Municipality and Chamber of Commerce and Industry has been formed to follow up the implementation of the cabinet's resolution on upgrading the Shuwaikh Industrial Area.

In an interview with a local daily, the official said that some industrial plots had been organised in the area while some dangerous industries had been moved to other areas.

**Budget**  
He disclosed that the reorganisation process of the said area will soon witness the creation of new streets and flyovers.

Replying to a question on the budget of the State Domains Department, Hussain said that the budget consisted of two chap-

ters, one concerned the funds to be allocated for the maintenance and removal of state properties, while the second included funds allocated for expropriations.

According to the current five-year plan the annual budget of the department was estimated at KD100 million per fiscal year.

**Projects**  
Speaking of the department's projects, the official said that the department will undertake a national resort project, the expropriation of some properties at Qadisiyah area in addition to maintaining some government buildings and complexes at Kheitan, Shamiya, the Capital and Ahmadi.

From July 1, 1988, about 360 houses and buildings were removed in the Capital, Salmiya, Hawalli, Farwaniyah, Kheitan, Fintas and Ugaiah. Additionally, 300-400 houses and buildings are to be removed during the forthcoming months.

## Orthopaedic and physiotherapy hospitals work closely to rehabilitate accident victims

KUWAIT, Feb 20, (KUNA): Al Razi Orthopaedic Hospital and the Physiotherapy Hospital have been successfully working together to cure and rehabilitate thousands of patients every year with a wide-range of bone ailments and deformities.

Orthopaedist Tayssir Sabri told KUNA the Orthopaedic Hospital conducted 4,697 operations to treat bone injuries due to accidents and deformities.

The hospital which has been turned into a specialised unit after being a general hospital is mainly involved in prevention of handicaps, using sophisticated equipment for the purpose.

After major surgery is performed, the patient is handed over

to the Physiotherapy Hospital where he or she is rehabilitated and a potential handicap is often prevented or reduced to a minimum, Dr Sabri said.

Head of the Physiotherapy Hospital Dr Abdulla Al Ayyaf said orthopaedics and physiotherapy were closely interwoven in the treatment of bone injuries and deformities.

### Advanced

At the Physiotherapy Hospital a patient is offered natural treatment including exercises to restore vigour and strength to the injured part of the body.

Treatment often involves several types of stimulation including acupuncture, a tech-

## Maintenance servicing generates KD2.231 million in 1987-'88

# KAC to modernise its fleet for the 1990s

KUWAIT, Feb 20, (KUNA): Board chairman and managing director of the Kuwait Airways Corporation, Ahmed Al Mishari today said that a committee, headed by KAC director general Ahmed Faisal Al Zabin, is now studying a company plan to modernise its fleet for the 1990s and expected the plan to be finalised during the second half of this year.

He assured that elaborate technical checks on the company's fleet of airliners have proved them free of all defects, and added that there are plans by KAC to replace some of its planes whose operational age would expire in the next decade. No decision, however, has been taken on the type of new aircraft to be purchased.

**Costs**  
The executive said, to cut down operational costs and face the fall in number of passengers, KAC is now leasing some of its additional aircraft during the slack winter season and thus made net profits averaging 40 per cent of the costs.

However, he added that during the busy season, usually starting from mid-May to late September, the leased planes rejoin the KAC fleet.

The executive explained that in all cases, KAC planes are leased together with crew and servicing of the planes as exclusive right of the corporation to guarantee that they remain in good shape.

Referring to maintenance



Ahmed Al Mishari

services offered by the airline to aircraft of 36 companies operating flights to and out of Kuwait, Mishari said KAC had generated a net revenue of KD2.231 million during 1987-'88.

Asked on the air taxi services introduced by the company in the early '80s, the official recalled that they were originally designed to cater for businessmen in the region.

He said the service has been extremely hit by the economic recession and the lack of political stability and security that prevailed over the past eight years. In addition an approach by KAC for joint operation of the service has been turned down by Saudia and Gulf Air, Mishari indicated.

On possible operation of new routes, the company executive

revealed plans for resumption of KAC flights to Seoul, which had been suspended some time ago, and announced that the company is presently studying possible joint operation of long-distance routes to such destinations as Japan, Taiwan and Australia. In reply to a question on employment of nationals, Mishari recounted that the number of Kuwaiti pilots flying KAC planes now stands at 41, compared to 47 non-Kuwaitis, national co-pilots are 95 against two non-Kuwaitis and there are 23 Kuwaiti flight engineers out of 45 employed by the company. KAC has 231 Kuwaiti ground engineers as against 183 foreigners, he noted.

**Reassessment**  
On plans for co-operation with Gulf airlines, he said that during a recent meeting with Gulf Air, it was agreed to form three ad hoc committees to recommend on future co-ordination between the two airlines in the commercial, technical and training fields.

Mishari assured KAC's continuous reassessment of its services, both in passenger and cargo sectors, with the aim of improving them and concluded that the corporation will hold its annual conference next March 20, in the presence of its station managers and senior officials, to review economic and marketing conditions at the local, regional and international levels, study projections for 1989-'90 and to lay down a marketing strategy.

# Vintage car parade to mark National Day celebrations

By Jadranka Porter

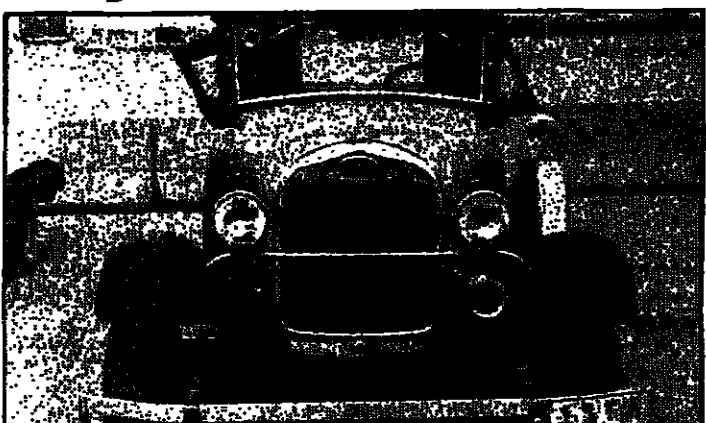
A CURIOUS fleet of more than 50 cars, all vintage models, took to the streets of Kuwait yesterday in what has become an annual parade of dated automobiles to mark Kuwait's National Day celebrations.

The drive, organised by Kuwait's Science Club, began near the Arabian Gulf Street and ended at the Science Club on the Sixth Ring Road.

American-made cars dominated in numbers but there were several British and German automobiles. Among them was a British made Humber truck of 1936 vintage. A red truck which resembles an oversized toy was imported by the Kuwait Oil Company soon after it came off the production line. Its present owner Khalid Abu Gamaz said he cannot tell how fast the truck can now run as the speedometer is out of order.

Hussain Al Mutawa, the owner of a 1962 Dodge, had a spot of trouble when it began drizzling while the cars were getting ready for the 25-kilometre drive. Windshield wipers on his car were missing. "I ordered a pair from the US but they haven't arrived yet," he said, adding that spare parts for his car were not available in Kuwait.

The Dodge, bought by his father back in the 1960s, made seven trips to Lebanon and three to Makkah in Saudi Arabia. Hussain is determined not to sell



A 1938 Ford, the oldest car in the convoy.

the car no matter how good the offer.

"We had an offer of KD8,000 but we turned it down," he said. Prices of dated models vary as does the owners' attachment to their possessions.

Zuhair Mohammed, the owner of a 23-year-old Plymouth Fury III who paid KD1,300 for it back in 1966 said he would sell it if he had a good offer.

Nahed Darwish, a Jordanian saleswoman, bought his 24-year-old red Rambler three months ago for KD650. Its engine and air-conditioning are perfect, he says. Only the radio is out of order, there is no one in Kuwait who could repair it, he says. He usually drives it twice a week and uses it while his other car is being serviced. Rambler is a particularly rare brand to find in Kuwait as it was imported during a period of only three years in the mid-1960s.

A Ford of 1938 vintage was arguably the oldest car to join the convoy. Only its chassis dates back to 1938. The engine is new and the body, a replica of the original model, is made of fibreglass. Its owner, Nasser Amar, bought it in the US two years ago for KD7,000. Nasser refuses to drive new cars. He also drives a 1965 Ford vanette and a 1971 Volkswagen.

Tayseer Saad was particularly proud of his vintage 1959 Cadillac. The black limousine appeared to be in immaculate condition. Tayseer said the Cadillac could go as fast as 200 km per hour, but he never drives it faster than 80 kms.

Abdi Jawad is the owner of two Mercedes cars, a Rolls Royce, a Toyota and Honda. His favourite is a 30-year-old Mercedes which he drove yesterday. Vintage cars are his hobby, he said.

## Kuwaitis fare better in NCA exam than US candidates

LONDON, Feb 20, (KUNA): Kuwaiti medical technologists have achieved better results in US exams than their American counterparts, a report said.

The London-based magazine Middle East Health said Kuwaiti students who sat and passed the US National Certification Agency (NCA) exam managed an average mark of 75 per cent, compared to 71 per cent by US candidates.

The monthly noted that the impressive performance by post-graduates from Kuwait's Faculty of Allied Health Sciences followed an NCA decision to allow them to sit the exam in Kuwait.

Middle East Health added: "The NCA recognition is a must

for post-graduate students seeking jobs."

But the mere knowledge that their skills are recognised to be on par with those of the American professionals have tremendously boosted the confidence of some students," said Ahmed Sultan, who co-ordinated the certification negotiations.

It further noted that Kuwait has become the first permanent NCA examination centre outside the US.

The NCA had declared that a medical technology degree from the Kuwaiti faculty "is equivalent in content and purpose with those from similar colleges in the US," said the magazine.

## First Gulf schools festival postponed to May 15-18

THE First Gulf Schools Festival being organised by USI Arab Regional Office will now take place from May 15-18 1989. It was originally proposed to be held last month but was postponed due to non-receipt of registration forms from several participating schools in time.

The festival is a pioneering effort to assemble students and teachers from all over the Gulf in Bahrain for a 4-day cultural fes-

tival and brainstorming sessions. The latter will evolve ways to enrich the cultural milieu of the Gulf countries by concerted efforts of schools.

The festival will be inaugurated by H.E. Dr Ali M. Fakro, minister of education on May 15.

Registration is still open and schools wishing to participate should contact USI Arab Regional Office, P.O. Box 726, Bahrain.

## FINANCIAL DIGEST

# Bahrain's financial market third most important, says Japanese banker

A LEADING Japanese banker described Bahrain's financial market as the third most important in the world after Tokyo and New York and called for setting up of a financial research centre in the island to serve the region.

Speaking at a seminar on the economy and technology of Japan, Sunday, Kenji Morozumi, Deputy Chairman and President, Nomura Investment Banking (Middle East), highlighted Bahrain's importance as the financial and banking centre in the region in particular and in the world in general.

The Japanese banker said Bahrain enjoys a number of advantages for both regional and international business and financial activities to be conducted with minimum formalities and greater freedom.

He cited Bahrain's strategic importance and its advanced telecommunications system as significant factors for its role in regional and international financial markets.

### Advantage

He stressed that the island's main advantage is holding financial transactions worldwide on Saturdays and Sundays, while the rest of the world's financial markets are closed on these two days.

"On these two days alone Bahrain accounts for about 30 per cent of the world's financial activities," said Morozumi. He added Bahrain has considerable facilities for large scale offshore banking operations as well as world money market transactions.

"Bahrain can play an important role by acting as an intermediary between international holding companies and the GCC countries," said Morozumi.

He said the island enjoys such advantages as having "information efficiency" and "functional efficiency."

### Importance

The Japanese banker said that in view of Bahrain's strategic importance in the world's financial markets, a research institute should be set up in the island which could provide a valuable service to the banking and finance sectors by storing invaluable financial information for all concerned.

Presenting his paper entitled "Growing financial market in Tokyo", Morozumi cited Tokyo as the world's leading financial market after America since 1987.

He said Japan achieved this enviable economic position because of a remarkable growth in its GNP, continuing expansion of trade surplus and increasing financial assets over the last 20 years.

### Financial market

Japanese GNP increased from 10 per cent in 1967 to 25 per cent in 1987, heading the "G-5" nations which include America, Britain, West Germany and France.

Japanese stock market was placed second in 1977, covering 14.8 per cent of the world's stock markets, while America led by enjoying more than half of world's share of 57.2 per cent of the total market value \$1,387 billion. However, the situation was reversed considerably in a decade when Tokyo, by November 1988, outpaced America as the world's number one financial market, covering 44.5 per cent of total world share. American share reduced to a mere 28.2 per cent of total world share worth \$8,674 billion.

The decline of American economic performance has been put down to higher interest rates and increasing net debt since 1985.

Highlighting "Japanese Economy and Technology", Dr Taisetsu Hayashi, Dean of Faculty of Economics, Bunkyo University, said Japanese technological and economic success compared to the world at large.

### Performance

He attributed Japan's remarkable performance in this field to priority given to the development of high-technology, specialised training of highly skilled manpower engineers in particular, on all aspects of technology and utilisation of minimum resources available for maximum application. These factors have consequently led to products of high quality and adequate prices for consumers worldwide.

Earlier, Qasim Ahmed Fakhro, Chairman of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry, spoke about the economic relation between Bahrain and Japan. He praised Japan's role in the development of world economy and called for a unified effort from all Gulf countries to work together with Japan for regional economic growth.

Japanese Ambassador, Toshio Ogushi, reviewed the historical relationship between the Arabian Gulf and Japan. The seminar was organised jointly by Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the chamber premises.

## Education sub-committee to monitor school buildings

THE Assistant Undersecretary for Private Education, Dr Yacoub Al Sharrah has said that a sub-committee has recently been formed emanating from the ad-hoc ministerial committee for private school buildings, which contained members from the ministry and Kuwait Municipality.

He told a local daily that the sub-committee would examine new building licences issued by the municipality to establish their validity and conformity to standard specifications approved by the ministry and the municipality.

Sharrah said that the committee was currently involved in conducting a study aimed at evaluating the conditions of existing private school buildings and institutes, and the distribution of these buildings across the country based on the population density rates.

He added that there had so far been three applications submitted for opening new schools early next year. The ministry followed up the evaluation of existing teaching services offered by private Arab and international schools in Kuwait.

### Competition

Sharrah pointed out that the purpose was to step up competition among these schools to improve the level of their services.

He further added that the Department of Private Education always formed special committees on an annual basis to assess different school activities.

## Some name change applicants have ulterior motives: official

DHERAR Al Asousi, head of Names Change and Surname Claims Committee and director of the Court of First Instance has said that some of those applying to have their names changed have ulterior motives.

Some try to get their names changed in an endeavour to avoid punishment for a crime they committed, or to evade paying debts and others to associate their relationship with families they do not have any ties with. Unfortunately, many persons succeeded in concealing their true identities by obtaining new names.

The committee was established in April last year to regulate these activities and scrutinise thoroughly the authenticity of information provided by

applicants, the official said.

He added that the committee during the last year and till January of this year, received over 1,600 claims. A total of 935 applications were submitted by Kuwaitis. The committee reviewed 239 applications till date.

### Liability

Applicants who submit wrong information or lie, are liable to serve five years in jail or a fine of KD5,000 — or both. The committee also accepts applications from those without nationality (now officially called non-Kuwaitis) who would like to reveal their original nationalities and also their true names.

Changing the first name of children below six years of age is undertaken at the Ministry of Health.



## Gulf-wide culinary competition proposed

By Jadranka Porter

ROBERT BATY, the vice-chairman of the Chaine des Rotisseurs — a French gastronomic association which comprises delegations outside France — has proposed a Gulf-wide culinary competition which could help promote the regional cuisine.

Participants should be cooks below the age of 24 and should not include chefs, said Bati.

He was in Kuwait this week to conduct the investiture ceremony at a chapter meeting during which new members of the Chaine des Rotisseurs receive the insignia of their rank and the diploma of the Chaine.

Baty said his proposal was well received by Kuwait's "baillie" (delegation). Explaining the details of the contest, Bati said each com-

petitor would be given a basket of ingredients to prepare a meal of his choice for four persons. The winner would receive a gold medal from the Chaine and would qualify to enter the Arab world culinary competition.

Baty was impressed by Kuwait's fish market and called on Kuwait's chefs to give greater prominence to the regional cuisine rather than the European food preparation. He said he would like to see more restaurants serve the kind of meals prepared in Kuwaiti homes.

The Chaine des Rotisseurs has 80,000 members in 112 countries, among them royalties and personalities like former US President Ronald Reagan and the Pope. The association traces its history back to the 13th century when the Guild of Spit-Roasters was first established.



A reception was hosted by the French ambassador for the participants at the French film exhibition. Farouk Abdul Aziz (left) of the Cine Club is seen with some of the guests.

## Lucky draw

A FREE car every week from Yusuf Ahmad Alghanim & Sons Co.

The lucky draw for the third prize of "A Car Every Week" was held on Saturday at the Jahra showroom (Alghanim Oasis).

Two more cars are still to be won in the coming two weeks. All purchasers of new cars from any of the Alghanim showrooms are eligible for the draw. The prize is the same car or she bought — irrespective of the price.

The fourth draw will be held on Feb 26, at the Shuwaikh showroom at 5.00 pm.

Representatives from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Interior will supervise the draw.



One of the cars at the showroom.

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

#### Young Artists Exhibition

Until Feb 23: An exhibition of paintings and drawings by young Kuwaiti artists is being held at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery, open from 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm.

**Ghadir Gallery**  
Until March 19: Recent paintings by British water colour artist Patricia Mills will be shown at the Ghadir Gallery, Salhiya Complex, mezzanine, Gate 5, daily from 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8.30 pm.

**Sultan Gallery**  
Feb 21: An exhibition of paintings by Bangladeshi artist Mounirul Islam opens at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghanim Bldg., Al Sout St. It will be open from 5 to 8 pm.

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
Daily: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
Sat. - Thurs: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
Sat. - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

**Sadu House**  
Sat. - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

**MUSIC**  
Feb 22: Pianist Anthony Peebles will give a recital at the Kuwait International Hotel, Terrace Room. For reservations contact the hotel.

**LECTURES**  
Vikings and Arabs  
A series of lectures will be given by a visiting Swedish Arabist, Professor Bengt Knutson. The programme is as follows:

Feb 21 (6 pm): A lecture on Swedish-Arabic Encounter and Poetry, Faculty Members Club.

Feb 22 (6 pm): A recital of Swedish poetry translated into Arabic will be held at the Kuwait Writers Association, Adeliya.

**CINEMA**  
British Council  
Feb 22 (6 pm): Feb 23 (10.30 am): Moon Dreamers, a collection of animated stories for the young, featuring a bunch of lovable boys and girls from the

land where dreams come from, will be shown. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512/2533204/2533227.

### SOCIAL

**Bangladesh Martyr's Day**  
Feb 21: The Bangladesh Embassy in Kuwait will observe the Martyr's Day (Shaheed Dibosh) from 9 am at the embassy premises in Jabriya. A week-long exhibition of Bengali books written by Bangladeshi writers will be opened by Ambassador K.M. Shehabuddin.

Feb 23 (6 pm): The Bangladesh Association will hold a discussion followed by a cultural programme to mark the Martyr's Day. All Bangladeshis are invited.

**Prize-giving ceremony**  
Feb 24 (6.30 pm): The annual prize distribution ceremony of the Bangladesh School will be held at the Ibn Taimiah Secondary School, Kuwait. All Bangladeshis are invited.

**Dance Recital**  
Feb 25 (6 pm): Dr Padma will give a solo-recital called "Jatya Moksham," danced to Tchaikovsky's music. The dance show is part of the Nehru Centenary celebration. Both performances will be held at the IAC, Funtites. For entry passes contact 3904817.

**Gayathri Arts**  
Feb 25: 10 am - 5 pm. The Gayathri Arts Organisation for Arts and Sports will hold a social event to celebrate the Nehru Centenary. Indoor games and competition will be held at the Indian embassy hall. **Kuwait Welsh Society**

March 1 (Wednesday): St David's Day buffet-dance will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel at 8 pm. Tickets — KD 6. For reservations phone 3713467.

**KALPAK**  
March 3: The Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association in Kuwait (KALPAK) will hold a variety show to launch their activities. The programme will be held at the Indian embassy hall from 4.30 pm.

**Daniela Rally**  
March 3 (Friday): Daniela, the Danish association in Kuwait, will hold the annual family car rally. For registration and details call Karen-Marie — Tel. 3715146 before Feb 25.

**Gala Dinner**  
March 9: The Great Ormond Street Hospital Gala Dinner will be held at 8 pm. For details call 4831339; 5393151.

**KAPILKU Night**  
March 10: The KAPILKU Night at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Andalus Club, from 5 to 10 pm. A sing-alike contest and a singing competition will be held. Entrance — KD2. For details call Sarah Macarimbang. Tel: 4843447.

**British Tea Party**  
March 10: The British Tea Party/animal fun day will be

held at the Messilah Beach Hotel from midday with fun stalls, animal-painting competition, children's super-star contest, soccer and basketball. Leo's magic and other events. For details phone 5624111 ext 751/739.

**HOTELS**  
**At Messilah Beach**  
Mubarak Restaurant: open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: Birthday Special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go".

**At the Holiday Inn**  
Every Wednesday is "Sea Drama on Ice" in Al Dana. Enjoy fresh fish and seafood specialties. Thursday night is Indian night featuring exotic Eastern cuisine; and listen to the music played by the Gharibian Trio.

Enjoy Arabian Night in Al Andalus Supper Club on Thursday nights.

Friday brunch — fun time for families; games, prizes. Also open to Jaycees Club members.

**At the Sheraton**  
Ricardo's: Italian cuisine prepared using home-made pasta; lunch and dinner, evening entertainment by the Sienna's Duo. Closed on Fridays.

**Al Hambra**: Sundays: Lebanese cuisine; Tuesdays: Thai Night; Wednesdays: seafood night; musicians provide a blend of music from the East and the West.

Friday's buffet brunch while the children enjoy games in the ballroom next door.

Hunt Room: lunch and dinner; specialises in meat and fish dishes.

Le Tarbouche: offers a taste of Lebanon for lunch and dinner.

Thursdays: Arab world specialties night, Coffee Shop

offers casual meals and quick lunches plus a daily special.

**At the Ramada**  
Al Bendera coffee shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Thursday's is BBQ Night at Le Mirage Night Club, with full buffet and entertainment by the Al Arzz Band.

The Friday Family Brunch introduces cartoon characters on the ship's discovery; train tour of the hotel's garden and waterfront.

The Marina Takeaway Counter features a selection of sandwiches and snacks, 4 to 11 pm.

**At the Continental**  
Gardenia: 7 am to midnight: buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

**At the Kuwait Plaza**  
Filipino night held every Sunday from 7 to 9.30 pm.

Al Dallah coffee shop: buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner; also set menu: mini-business lunch. International Food Arcade: 4 to 10 pm; ice-cream festival: light snacks served from 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

**Bosphorus Restaurant**: Turkish cuisine, a la carte; lunch and dinner daily except Saturday.

**Marco Polo Restaurant**: Italian food, live music and at night candlelight dinner.

**At the Pullman**  
Elysees Restaurant offers gourmet French meal; Al Shallal coffee shop features international and Arabic cuisine with live entertainment.

**SPORTS**  
**United Goans Centre**  
Feb 24: The UGC will hold

their 11th annual league football tournament. All KIFF-affiliated teams are requested to contact the organisers for registration.

**PBAK bowling league games**  
Feb 24: The PBAK second non-pro bowling games will be held. The schedule is as follows: 8.30 am — Manduluyong vs Quezon City; San Juan vs Makati; 11.30 am — Cavite City vs Paranaque; Zamboanga City vs Baguio City; 2.30 pm — Manila vs Calococan City.

March 3: Step-ladder games start at 10 am. The league has been sponsored by Dollarco and Holiday Inn.

**Varca Sporting Centre**  
Feb 25: The sixth annual one day seven-a-side football festival will be held at Al Sour Grounds. The draw will be held on Feb 24, 10 am. For details contact the organisers.

**Scuba Diving**  
Feb 26: Scuba diving lessons start at the Al Boom Club. For details call 4830474/48350570.

**Tivim Centre**  
March 4/5: The Tivim Centre will hold its second annual one-day seven-a-side football festival at Al Sour Grounds. This will be followed by their second inter-village nine-a-side football tournament, beginning April 8. For details contact organisers.

**Mini Rugby**  
Training and games every Friday at the Ahmadi ground; training starts at 10 am and mini-rugby finishes at 11.30 am. For details call Hugh McAree — 5326368 or Geoff Bennett — 5332683.

**Raft Race**  
The third Kuwait Annual Raft Race will be held on May 26. Mens/ladies/mixed and carnival events. This year's rules and regulations are available from the Messilah Beach Hotel. The first captains' meeting will be held at the hotel on March 7 (6.30 pm).

## NIGHT CHEMIST

**Kuwait**  
Al Omar Pharmacy  
Mubarak Al Kabir St.  
Awqaf Bldg.

Ajeel Pharmacy  
Mubarakia-Palestine St.  
Adnan Abdulaziz Bldg.

Hawali & Nagra  
Al Bader Pharmacy,  
Hawali, Tunis St.

Salmiya & Rasmithiya  
Al Samah Pharmacy  
Salem Al Mubarak St.

Mohammad Amin Hajji Bldg.

Fahad & Ahmadi  
Ahmadi Pharmacy  
Souk Al Ahmadi.

Farwani  
Al Madina Pharmacy  
North St. Mohammed Said

Al Rubeian Inherits Bldg.  
Jahra  
Al Nour Pharmacy  
Matafi St., Abdulaziz Al

Naserallah Bldg.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.10 Good Morning  
9.15 Cartoon serial  
9.45 World News via Satellite

10.00 Al Thaman: Arabic serial, starring: Jalal Al Sharqawi, Omar Al Hariri, Laila Taher and Ashraf Abdul Ghafor.

10.50 Varieties  
11.00 Khalati Qumasha: local serial

11.45 News and varieties  
12.00 Variety programme

1.00 News in Brief  
1.05 World News via Satellite (repeated)

1.35 National Songs  
4.30 Varieties  
7.45 Good Evening

8.30 Special informational programme

9.00 Arabic news  
9.45 Arabic serial: Al Baharat Al Murrah

10.45 Varieties  
12.00 News in Brief  
12.05 The World News via Satellite/Closedown.

### KTV 2

5.00 Opening and Holy Quran

5.15 Novelties: A cartoon serial for children

5.55 Football match between Qadisia Club and Al Kuwait Club.



Jake and the Fatman, 10.30 pm, KTV2.

8.00 News in English  
8.40 Folk Arts: documentary on Kuwait

9.30 The Hit Squad: Practical jokes, intrigues, fun, laughs and sneaky hits made by the hidden camera.

10.00 Bustin' Loose: Wet Weather Ahead. The mother notices that Niki's bedsheet is wet and discusses the matter with Sanni, how they have to encounter Niki. A look at this problem and how to face young children who suffer from such

cuse. Jake and the Fatman: The publisher Dennis offers Kevin, a new novelist to sell him his new novel provided that it must be published in Dennis' name. Kevin defers the offer and shortly thereafter was found dead.

11.30 News in Brief  
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite

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Drive-In  
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## Good News For lovers of classical music

The well known international Soviet pianist Svetlana Navasardian

will perform for the first time in Kuwait

at the invitation of Boodai Aviation

The first recital will be held on Monday, Feb 27th, 8.00 p.m. at the Regency Palace Hotel's SUNRISE Hall.

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# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

A SHARP tongue is the only edged tool that grows keener with constant use — Washington Irving, US writer (1783-1859).

### Soviet soldiers plunge back into real life

By Robert Evans

MOSCOW, (Reuters): "Mama, it's me. We're out," yelled the blond young soldier into the phone over the din in the Termez post office.

In the next cabin, an American radio correspondent struggled to put his recorded report over to his home office with the operator repeatedly interrupting to ask if he had finished.

At the Torkhan Hotel across the road in the dusty Soviet Uzbekistan border town, General Boris Gromov found the room he had occupied the night before had gone to someone else.

"You can't do this to me," he told the plump, brunette receptionist with a grin. "I've just become the last Soviet soldier out of Afghanistan."

The history of the moment, the end of the nine-year intervention that brought 15,000 Soviet dead and for half a decade kept East-West relations in cold storage, seemed lost on the girl.

**Command**

But the rugged charm of the 45-year-old general who for the last two years of its existence had commanded the 110,000-strong Soviet force in Afghanistan, won the day.

"Of course we can find another room — for you," she said, a slight blush spreading across her face.

Just two hours after crossing the steel bridge over the river Amu-Darya on Wednesday to a welcome from 5,000 townspeople bussed out to the border, life was quickly returning to normal for the general, and the troops who came back with him.

Still in their grey-green combat uniforms over blue-and-white striped T-shirts, they stood in a slightly disorderly line to book their calls to the far ends of the Soviet Union, officers mingling with their men.

"You'll have to wait, I've got two foreign journalists who are in a hurry," snapped the head-haired Uzbek woman behind the counter.

"Hey, we're supposed to be heroes," shot back a young lieutenant with a disarming smile. "Can't the foreigners wait for once?"

"Hell, I've got a whopper of a headache," moaned another young trooper, briefly lifting his face from his hands as he sat hunched forward on a bench.

Four officers crowded around one of the 10 booths lined up

along the wall and a Chinese journalist raised his camera to record the scene.

"You can't take photos of us," said a major, putting up his hand to cover his face. Then he hesitated. "What the hell, we're out," and throwing his arms round the shoulders of a friend he posed for the shot.

Andrei, a slim, dark-haired trooper of 22, was reluctant to talk about the long drive up from Kabul in the last column to the border.

"Incidents? Well, there might have been," he said with an embarrassed glance at an officer sitting alongside deeply absorbed in popular science magazine.

"We kept seeing the mujaheddin, up in the hills looking down at us, we went past. Sometimes, they were quite close. But they didn't fire and we didn't."

A burly, six-foot major with a drooping moustache was more forthcoming — but only about his mother.

"She would have worried herself to death if she'd known I was in Afghanistan. So I told her I was in Cuba. I don't think she ever suspected."

For foreign journalists flown to Termez from Moscow to witness the occasion, there seemed an absence of drama in an event that marked a turning point in recent Soviet history.

Once across the border in their armoured personnel carriers, the 400 soldiers and officers paraded in a field before local officials and senior officers to be hailed as "warriors of peace" who had done their internationalist duty.

But on the dusty hillside looking on, within sight of the Afghan town of Hairaton across the river, young Uzbeks seemed more fascinated by the notebooks and video-cameras of the foreigners.

Perhaps the regular ceremonies to welcome returning troops since the withdrawal began last summer had reduced interest? One Soviet official suggested.

Gromov himself confessed that there had been a minor piece of stage-work in his last dramatic walk across the bridge.

"Actually, I slept here last night," he told a Reuters reporter in Termez. "I went back over the other side this morning for the final pull-out."

"We're just glad it's all over, that our boys are not going to be getting killed any more," said a middle-aged floor maid in the Torkhan Hotel.

### Symbol of anti-nuclear campaign in Pacific

By Jeremy Clift

KOROR, Palau, (Reuters): The scattered Pacific islands of Palau sit like emeralds on an azure sea. From the air the lazy turquoise lagoons and volcanic islands have a hypnotic tranquility. Under the sea, they are a diver's paradise.

But over the past decade, the western Pacific island chain has turned into a rallying point for anti-nuclear activists and an irritant to planners in the Pentagon.

Two presidents of Palau have died mysteriously in the past four years and the government of a country of just 14,000 people is in danger of being crippled by debts.

"With our size of population," says government spokesman Bonafacio Basilus, "placed almost anywhere else on earth no one would care. But because of our location, Palau is important."

**Important**

Most Palauans make a living from fishing and tourism, or live off US government handouts. The United States considers Palau, a collection of some 200 islands, 1,650 km (1,000 miles) south-east of the Philippines, as strategically important.

Together with the island of Guam and the Marianas to the north they guard the routes between East Asia and the Pacific Ocean that were fiercely fought over in World War II.

Part of the US-administered Micronesia trust territory of Micronesia created after the war, Palau in 1979 became the first country in the world to pass a constitution barring nuclear materials from its territory.

This put it directly at odds with the United States and turned it into a symbol for anti-nuclear campaigners throughout the Pacific.

President Ngratkel Etipson, a

63-year-old businessman, was sworn in at the beginning of January and pledged to push for domestic self-rule while allowing the United States to continue to control Palau's defence and foreign policies.

Palauans have voted six times in favour of a so-called compact of free association with Washington since 1983 but each vote has fallen short of a 75 per cent majority required by the constitution.

Other island states in Micronesia have either voted for Commonwealth status within the United States or for free association, giving Washington continued control over a large strategic area of the western Pacific.

Basilus said Etipson was expected to seek a constitutional amendment lowering the size of the majority needed in a plebiscite to approve the compact.

**Opposed**

A small, vocal group of islanders are opposed to a clause in the pact which would allow transit of nuclear weapons through Palauan waters and airspace. Landowners are opposed to a section which would grant the United States military use of a large area of the main island of Babeldaob.

Basilus says the United States has ruled out Palau as an alternative site for military bases if its major facilities in the Philippines were ever forced to move.

"We have had repeated talks with American defence planners," he said in an interview in his office in the main government buildings, a converted US satellite tracking station.

"They have told us they need Palau for military strategy, but only for denial. They don't want anyone else to get it."

But some foreign defence analysts say the United States could use Palau for jungle warfare training and possibly for harbour facilities.

## US wants allies to spend more on defence

# Uncle Sam finally got tired of carrying burden

By Peter Grier

WASHINGTON: Future historians may look back and decide that 1988 was the year that Uncle Sam finally got tired of carrying a heavy military burden for his friends.

Sure, the United States has complained for years that its allies could pay a larger share of the huge costs of mutual defence. Whether to bring US troops home from Western Europe or the Far East is a staple congressional debate.

But this year the arguments have sounded more serious. Behind this change in tone are trends that will intensify this year.

● **Tight budgets.** Disbanding US units based overseas could save large sums of money.

● **Friendlier Soviets.** Mikhail Gorbachev's troop-cut proposal has added to a growing public perception of a less-belligerent USSR.

● **Less-friendly allies.** Spain booted out a US military unit; evictions by other nations, notably Greece, may follow.

● **New threats.** The drug trade and terrorism are becoming more important national security worries.

Those still not convinced the NATO status quo is threatened need only read a recent report from a House armed services subcommittee. "The panel states in the strongest possible terms that Europeans had better be prepared to defend their territory without a large-scale US ground commitment."

In the Pentagon, they call this whole issue "the burden-sharing question." And the way it gets discussed, especially in Congress, makes officials nervous.

Not that they don't think our allies should do more. As former Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci said in an interview earlier last year "we want the laggards to reform" — meaning that nations, such as Belgium, that pay less than their fair share should up the ante.

But veiled public threats, such as the House armed services panel report, make high-ranking Pentagon officers cringe. They see the technique as counter-productive. "I don't think we

accomplish a great deal by putting a club on our allies," said the Army chief of staff, Gen. Carl Vuono, earlier this year in one of a series of interviews on broad defence-policy concerns.

Pentagon officials worry that calls for more burden-sharing by allies are in fact just calls to cut the US defence budget. Indeed, US alliance commitments could be a tempting budget-cutter's target: the private Committee for National Security estimates that about 57 per cent of the \$300 billion-plus defence budget pays for forces that are pledged to defend European soil over the course of a major conflict.

**Agitation**

Bringing home whole US divisions from West Germany or South Korea, and disbanding them, is probably not something Congress will vote for this year. More likely is increased congressional agitation for US alliance to pick up more of the cost of supporting the 500,000 US troops based overseas.

The House armed services panel report estimated that this sort of burden-sharing could

save the Pentagon up to \$7.7 billion a year — a sum that could make a huge difference to a Defence Department facing continued zero-growth budgets. Members of Congress are already lining up to introduce amendments calling for such cost-shifting when the fiscal 1990 defence budget is debated next year.

Whether this debate grows into a re-examination of alliance commitments will determine whether the US has reached a turning point in its relations with the rest of the world. Yale history professor Paul Kennedy, in his controversial and best-selling recent book "The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers," argued that the changing world economic situation will make such a re-examination necessary.

Kennedy wrote that as the US economic edge over its allies disappears, the country begins to risk "imperial overstretch."

"The sum total of the United States' global interests and obligations is nowadays far larger than the country's power to defend them all simultaneously," he wrote.

The apparent diminishing of the military threat to Europe from the Soviet Union is another factor pushing a US strategic re-examination. Earlier this year, a Pentagon report called "Discriminate Deterrence" called for less focus by the Defence Department on the possibility of a big war in Central Europe.

"We should emphasize a wider range of contingencies" in military planning, the report concluded.

**Importance**

Among other things, this could mean paying more attention to unilateral US interests in Latin America and other areas of the Third World. It could mean more emphasis on training and forces to fight "low-intensity conflict," a Pentagon buzzword covering everything from insurgencies to terrorism.

It could also mean focusing more on the Pacific basin, as the region grows in economic importance and the Soviets themselves devote more attention to the Far East. Whether to emphasize the Pacific or Europe is a US military

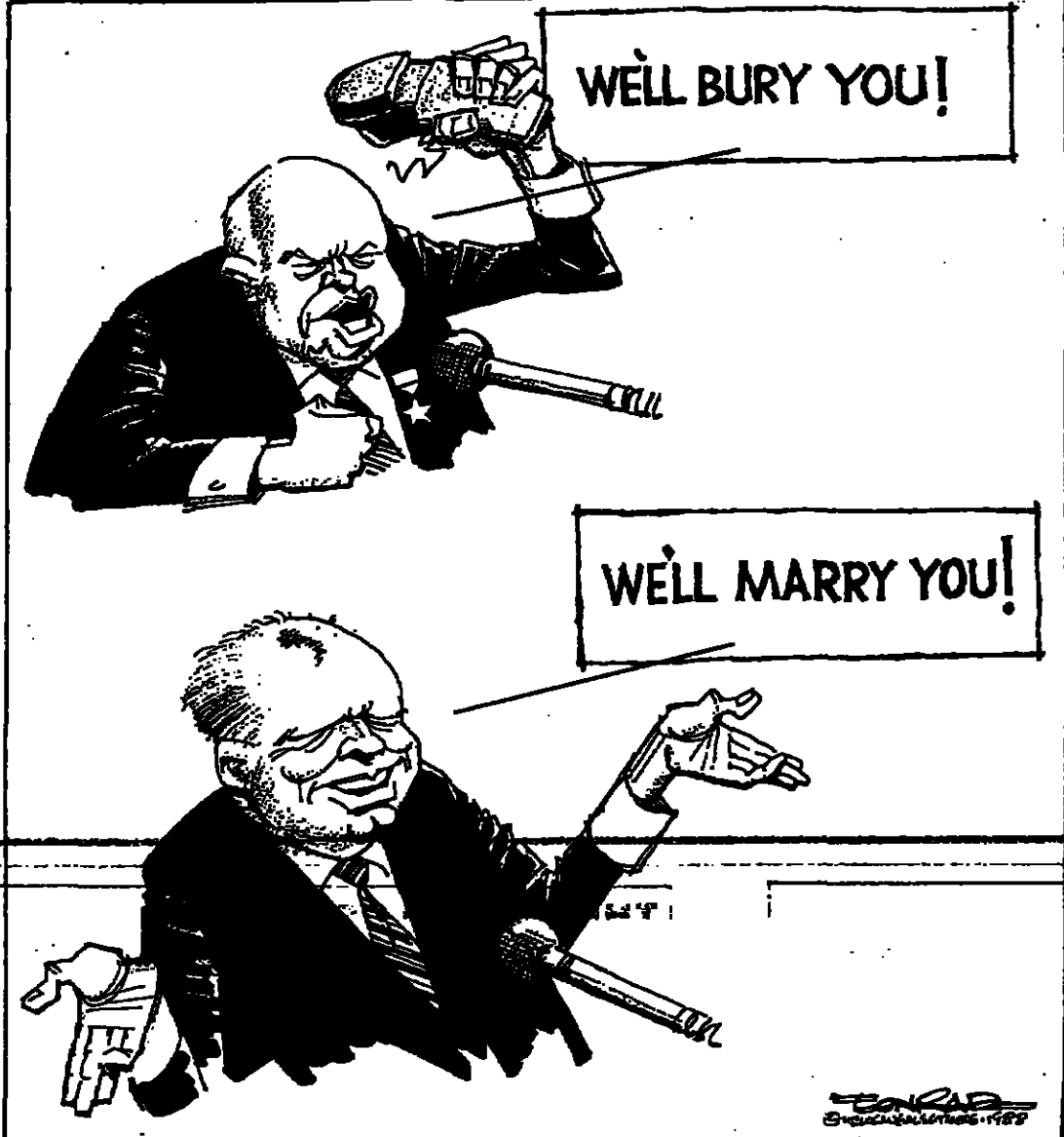
debate dating back to World War II, often pitting the Pacific-oriented Navy vs the Europe-oriented Army.

"I think there has been too narrow a focus in our overseas policy with the emphasis on Europe," said Chief of Naval Operations Carlisle Trost. "Having said that, how can you criticise a NATO alliance that's deterred war going on 45 years?"

Is it likely that the US can in fact cajole its allies to shoulder more defence burden? There are encouraging signs. Western European nations are co-operating more on defence, with French-German military exercises and a revival of the West European Union, a NATO precursor. But a wholesale shift of defence spending from the US to Europe is unlikely. Budget cuts, after all, are not only a US phenomenon.

"I think it's naive to expect our European allies are going to make a major change in national priorities," said the Air Force chief of staff, Gen. Larry D. Welch.

The Christian Science Monitor.



### Communism has lost its punch

By Eric Bourne

VIENNA: The spectre of communism is haunting Europe, wrote Karl Marx almost a century and a half ago.

But whatever haunts today's Europe, the spectre that fuelled Russia's revolution and the later communization of Eastern Europe is certainly not among them.

Communism, in Nikita Khrushchev's phrases, was going to "bury capitalism." Instead, its own Western parties are at their lowest ebb ever.

**Ideology**

The independent-minded Eurocommunism that plagued Leonid Brezhnev through the 1970s is forgotten. In Spain and France, the left prefers democratic socialism. Even the Italian Communist Party, which almost achieved a "historic compromise" with the Christian right, has lost its electoral punch.

As for Eastern Europe, the ruling parties, even the reform-oriented ones, are also in disarray.

Chances, ironically, for Soviet reforms. It is no longer possible to speak of an "interim stage" or a "second revolution."

In 1948 Stalin denounced the Yugoslav schism as "revisionism" of the Marxist-Leninist

faith threatening disintegration of Russia's communist federation. But Gorbachev's perestroika — restructuring more than just the economy — and his rapprochement with the West are already having a similar effect.

There is no place for a monolithic ideology in Gorbachev's concept of a common "European house" and a one-world "single economic mechanism" that would replace the separate capitalist and socialist (communist) economies of old.

East Europeans rank no more among Moscow's top priorities. When he came to power in 1985, Gorbachev soon made it clear that relations of a different kind — hard-nosed, pragmatic — were in store. Revolution was no longer for export, but perestroika was.

**Freeing**

So far, only the Hungarians have taken the message to heart. The Poles are still at a tentative reform stage. But the Hungarians have reformed their economy, and they have also applied glasnost — openness — attitudes vis-a-vis the opposition.

Just now Yugoslavia's premier-designate, Ante Markovic, a staunch market economist, has spelled it out just as unequivocally. He said Jan 28 that all the socialist systems — "including ours" — have failed.

The "freeing" of the market, Markovic described it, will not sit well in Prague, nor East Berlin, Bucharest, and Sofia. But options are narrowing for these play-safe regimes, just as for the Western communist parties.

Gorbachev's four years, as well as Belgrade's longer experience, have shown that an open economy also demands opening up to "alternative" ideas and, to opposition, through broadening political systems.

Gorbachev clearly understands that diversity in Eastern Europe is not necessarily at odds with Soviet security.

Indeed, reform, Gorbachev apparently feels, would be a stabilizing factor within the East bloc — however "national" it might be within each particular country. And Finland suggests an example for a modus vivendi between the two worlds.

The oppositionists would well remember Stalinist parties, though few can doubt their own time is running out.

The Christian Science Monitor.

### Wealthy Japanese searching for more meaningful life

By Jeff Stearns

TOKYO, (Reuters): Workaholic and wealthy Japan is discovering money isn't everything.

Bank accounts have grown healthier over the past years but the quality of Japanese life is still far below the standards of other major nations.

"We're the world's highest paid workers, but still live in rabbit hutches, pay exorbitant prices for rice, meat and land, and can't take more than a week off for a holiday," said one Japanese bank employee.

Japanese have persevered under low living standards since World War II, believing hard work and corporate dedication would lead to success, but now they feel the time has come for a better way of living, said Shigeru Matsushita, chief economist for Sanwa Bank.

"Japanese are just starting to learn to enjoy life," said Hideo Nagafuchi, a marketing and sales executive at Nissan Motor. The younger generation is having a particular influence, he said.

**Growth**

"Those young people who will be joining companies in April are the first born after the (1964) Olympics (when Japan's economy started its rapid economic growth) and they did not experience poverty or poor living conditions," Nagafuchi said.

They grew up in times of plenty and now their values are changing Japanese life, even for older people, he added. "We cannot neglect this any longer," he said.

A government survey showed that 70 per cent of Japanese do not view themselves as affluent even though Japan has the world's highest income per person.

Just out of university, a new employee in the electronics industry makes three million yen (\$23,000) a year, a worker in a car plant makes 5.5 million yen (\$42,000) a year and section chiefs in banks in their mid-30s make 10 million yen (\$77,000) a year.

But the government survey showed that grievances include high taxes and large social-security payments, long working hours, poor housing conditions and high costs of goods.

**Cut**

The Labour Ministry has been promoting a cut in the number of work days. Fewer work hours would also give Japanese more time to spend money and thus help the economy grow.

Setting an example, the government started closing offices two Saturdays a month from January, breaking away from the traditional six-day work week.

Securities houses and banks will initiate a five-day work week starting this month. Employees at such businesses had worked two Saturdays a month.

"Japanese work far too many hours," Matsushita said. The average number of hours worked by a Japanese in one year is 2,100 compared with 1,900 by an American and 1,600 by French and West German workers.

The government would like Japanese work hours reduced to 1,800 year, a Labour Ministry official said.

Although most employees of major companies have 20 days holiday a year, many believe if they take more than five of those days they may ruin their chances of career advancement.

**Prices**

High prices of goods in Japan, compared with costs of the same goods in other major nations, also undermine the quality of Japanese life, said senior economist Nobuyuki Ueda of the long-term Credit Bank of Japan.

One dollar now equals around 130 yen, but Japanese actually need 200 yen to buy goods worth one dollar in other countries.

Removing import barriers and simplifying distribution channels can increase the purchasing power of the yen, Ueda said, but that may take years.

Although steps are under way

### Today in history

- 1613 — Michael Romanov, son of patriarch of Moscow, is elected Tsar of Russia, thus founding House of Romanov.
- 1652 — Treaty of Hildesheim between Sweden and north German Protestant states.
- 1795 — Dutch surrender Indian Ocean island of Ceylon to British.
- 1849 — British forces defeat Sikhs at Gujarat in India.
- 1916 — Battle of Verdun in France begins in World War I — the longest and bloodiest battle of the war with more than one million killed.
- 1919 — Bavarian Premier Kurt Riser is assassinated in Munich.
- 1922 — British protectorate in Egypt ends.
- 1934 — French troops combat Berbers in south west Morocco.
- 1943 — Britain's King George VI awards words of honour to Russians for defence of Stalingrad in World War II.
- 1963 — Soviet Union warns United States that an American attack on Cuba would mean world war.
- 1975 — 32-member UN Commission on Human Rights, in Geneva, Switzerland, accuses Israel of violating "basic norms of international law" in Arab territories it occupies.
- 1986 — South Africa government opens "whites only" downtown districts of Johannesburg and Durban to all races — first break with apartheid policy of segregated business areas.
- 1988 — Israeli soldiers kill three Arabs in West Bank in one of numerous clashes in occupied territories.

### Afghan refugees find success in Turkey

TOKAT, Turkey, (Reuters): On the old Silk Road to China lies one of the bright stories to emerge from the modern blood-bath of Afghanistan — a successful community of refugees.

Turkey is now almost home-from-home for 400 Afghan families who were offered a new life here in 1982, half of whom were housed among the snow-capped mountains of Tokat province.

"We are happy, Turkey held out its hand when we were in difficulty," said Abdulmennan Mahdoun, a former guerrilla and now a leader of the local Afghans, split evenly between Tokat town and Yesilyurt, a nearby village.

The Tokat refugees are Turkish-speaking Turkmen tribesmen. Another 200 families of Turkic Uzbek Afghans live in a rural community on the Syrian border far from Tokat on the ancient trade route east of Ankara near the Black Sea coast.

**Prosperity**

The Mahdoun household in Yesilyurt showed the typical prosperity of the 4,000 Afghans in Turkey — colour televisions, hi-fi sets, a car and even a cordless telephone.

The Tokat refugees complain about the cold. "Worse than the Salang Pass," said Mahdoun, referring to the route north from Kabul to the Soviet border.

They also said they were unable to buy local land and that they have far too few sheep and no horses.

But with offers of a government job on the minimum wage if they wanted it, loans on easy terms and other benefits, the refugees agree they could hardly have asked for more.

New apartments were given to each Afghan family on cheap credit.

"Some local people even began to feel like second-class citizens," Tokat governor Recep Yazicioglu told Reuters.

The Afghans were picked from tens of thousands of refugees of Turkic descent whose application to come to Turkey was granted in a one-time gesture of goodwill to Pakistan.

More than five million refugees from nine years of war in Afghanistan are living in Pakistan and Iran.

**Aid**

The operation to bring the Afghans to Turkey was limited but a success. Direct aid was stopped in April 1988 and the community is now self-supporting.

Only half of the refugees took up the initial offer of a government job and most were soon absorbed by small businesses, starting initially with carpet-weaving by the women.

"One of us went to Istanbul and learnt how to sew leather clothes. He came back with a machine. Now there are few houses without two machines each," Mahdoun said. "If the Istanbul leather market sags, well, we just get back to the carpets."

At his leather shop and atelier in central Tokat, Resul Onari, 28, said in his illing Central Asian Turkish accent that he had married a local girl and felt well integrated.

"I'd like to go back to Afghanistan after things have settled down, but only to visit all my relatives," he said.

Onari is one of several refugee youths to marry Tokat girls, but the Yesilyurt settlement had to look further afield, finding local villagers reluctant to provide brides.

"One of us went to Dogubeyazit (in east Turkey) and married a Kurdish girl," Mahdoun said. "It was easily done in a week, and the bride money was only a million lira or two (\$500 to \$1,000). We have now married 30-40 girls from the same tribe."

Integration has taken place in dress as well. A few old men still wear full Afghan dress and turbans, but many young people now wear European-style Turkish clothes.

**Clash**

The only clash came when the Turkmen refused to pay interest on their soft loans, citing an Islamic ban on the concept of interest. After long debate in the Yesilyurt mosque, it was agreed the payment would be made but called bakhshesh, a tip.

Central Asian appearance sets the new immigrants apart but is not unusual in Turkey — Turkmen have been coming to Anatolia since medieval times along the Silk Road through Tokat.

Most of the Turkmen families originally went to Afghanistan after the Soviet occupation of their lands earlier this century. "In a way, we are still migrating," Onari said.

Some young Turkmen boast that many Afghan guerrillas are of Turkic origin and even speak of a struggle for a Turkmen state from Turkmen lands in northwest Iran, northern Afghanistan and the Soviet republic of Turkmenistan.

But the gentle Turkmen handshake, commercial sense and excellence in handicrafts seem to support the Turkish belief that whatever the outcome in Afghanistan, most of the community will choose to stay with a secure future in Turkey.

The refugees still yearn for home. "Even if there is only a wind from Afghanistan we talk about it for a week," said one.

But memories of the war are strong as well.

"We could hardly sit down to have tea," said Oglu Bilca, an old woman weaving a fine red-and-white Turkmen carpet.

"I've been six years here now, but every time I hear an aeroplane I still look for somewhere to hide."



# Dance and Indian sculpture — an undying relationship

THE twin arts of dance and sculpture have developed side by side under the shade of the temples in India. Any thing of beauty has always been associated with divinity by the ancients. This was to secure an additional stamp of permanency for the beautiful objects. Small wonder that both the arts of dance and sculpture were adopted as essential features of Hinduism. These arts have influenced the growth of each other enriching themselves with themes for the sculptor, and the sculpture thus created has also been in turn a silent guide to generations of dancers. This is how two arts have been helping each other in the process of their refinement.

Vishnu Darmottaram, a work in Sanskrit, categorically states that a student of sculpture should invariably have knowledge of dance. This rule is quite understandable, if one becomes familiar with the nature of Indian sculpture.

The fundamental principle in both dance and sculpture of India is the filling up of the space based on symmetry. The law of symmetry and proportion have a vital role to play in Indian dance. The words "Samshtava" and "Anga Suddha" often used in connection with dance is nothing but the execution of the movements of the various limbs of the body in a symmetrically beautiful way. Such movements or postures in dance are also described as being sculptural. It is because of the fact that both these arts depend on the law of symmetry.

**Mystic**  
In this respect, Indian dance is very much removed from contemporary Western dances, where the only criterion is the utilisation of every possible movement of the body. But the Western classical ballet has its own laws, based more on symmetry and proportion in spite of being highly ephemeral in nature. The very life of Indian dance is symmetry of form.

The most widely known figure of Indian sculpture is that of Lord Siva represented as a dancer, in the form of Ananda Tandava. The fusion of dance and

The arts of dance and sculpture have grown side by side in the temples of India. In this article Dr Padma Subramanyam, the director of Nrithyodaya, in Madras, traces the relationship between these two arts.



The very life of Indian classical dance is symmetry of form

sculpture has resulted in conveying mystic concepts in this portrayal.

The Tiruvast (arch) represents the whole cosmos, which is his theatre where he dances in every

atom, galvanising the entire cosmos into activity.

The drum in his raised right hand represents creation. The lower right hand — Abhaya Hasta, assures protection. The

raised left hand holds fire — signifying power of destruction. The lower left hand points at the raised left foot, which symbolises the release from all the earthly bondage. It is the refuge of all the tired souls. The right leg crushes the demon Muralaka.

Thus the figure of Ananda Tandava has combined in itself religion, mysticism, philosophy and art — given as a sugar coated tablet in the form of a dance sculpture.

## Influenced

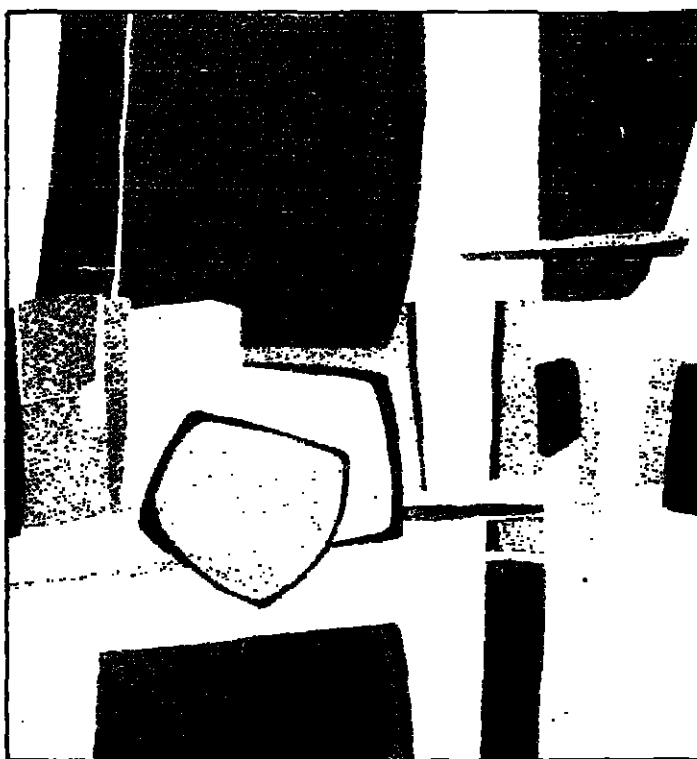
Dance has influenced sculpture so deeply that even prosaic scenes like pulling out a thorn from the sole of the foot, or daily routines like writing a letter or applying tilaka on the forehead, are all portrayed in a dance like attitude in all our sculptures.

This kind of beauty is felt throughout the length and breadth of India. Though dance sculptures and dance like sculptures are found in every part of India, Tamilnadu has the privilege of containing the basic Karanas of dance in a systematic way in the form of sculptures. The temples of Tanjavur, Kumbakonam, Chidambaram, Tiruvannamalai and Vriddachalam are worth mentioning in this context.

In these temples, we find the sculptural codifications of the basic movements described in the Nariya Sastra. Though this technique of dance has been obsolete for over four centuries, these sculptures are extremely useful in reviving a lost tradition in dance.

These sculptures are a standing evidence for the knowledge of dance art that the sculptors had. They have been remaining there in everlasting silence, whispering the secrets of the lost traditions into the ears of only those, truly interested in the art. They are not mere architectural embellishments, but meant as visual libraries for generations of artists.

The Chidambaram Temple has the definition of each Karana inscribed along with the respective Karana figure. What more do we need to show the undying relationship between dance and sculpture in India?



Two examples of modern stained glass windows in France.



## Reviving the ancient art of stained glass

By Jacques Baudeneau

THE traditional stained glass window is an assemblage of pieces of coloured glass, held together by grooved lines of lead which act as a framework and follow the outlines of the design.

Above a certain size, the excessive weight, in particular, can present a risk for the solidity of the panels, which no longer conform to present-day safety standards for public buildings. Should monumental art therefore be deprived of its most dazzling means of expression?

In Toulouse, Michel and Daniel Bataillon, the very young artists of the "Atelier du Vitrail d'Art" (Art Stained-Glass Workshop) were not resigned to this situation. They had the idea of assembling antique coloured or opal glass by sticking it "glass onto glass" onto an approved support (a classical sheet of security glass or laminated glass).

In order to apply their idea, which is based on high technology in the way the products and material are made, they thought of the space industry, its experience and its reliability. "Silovitrail" is thus the result of collaboration between a small

workshop and a basic research laboratory (the Space Studies Centre for Radiation, which is a laboratory belonging to the French National Scientific Research Centre (CNRS), officially ratified by the University of Toulouse and chosen by the French Space Studies Centre (CNES).

The adhesive used is a polyamide silicon elastomer made by Rhone-Poulenc. It is perfectly transparent. It has excellent mechanical properties (150 per cent elongation) and there is no fear of the glass breaking. It is resistant to extreme temperatures (-100 to +200°C) and to atmospheric degradation. The accelerated ageing of a prototype was tested for six months in a climatic chamber where it was exposed to extreme heat and cold, ultraviolet and infrared radiation, and fog and rain.

## Characteristics

And this is well and truly stained glass. It respects the fundamental artistic characteristics descended from tradition (with which the workshop is familiar) as it is experienced in this field, with classical glass, colouring in the glass and black joints contributing to the composition. "But 'Silovitrail' extends these

possibilities. In contrast to the technique using lead, it is here possible to cut out very large areas, to assemble them edge to edge and to join them with a light-coloured filling.

This innovation has already been honoured by a monumental creation, the "Porte du Vent", a 25-square-metre stained glass window, with 657 pieces of glass and 62 colours, based on a cartoon by Marc d'Hamonville. It is on permanent display in the great staircase of the secondary school (CES) in Grenade-sur Garonne.

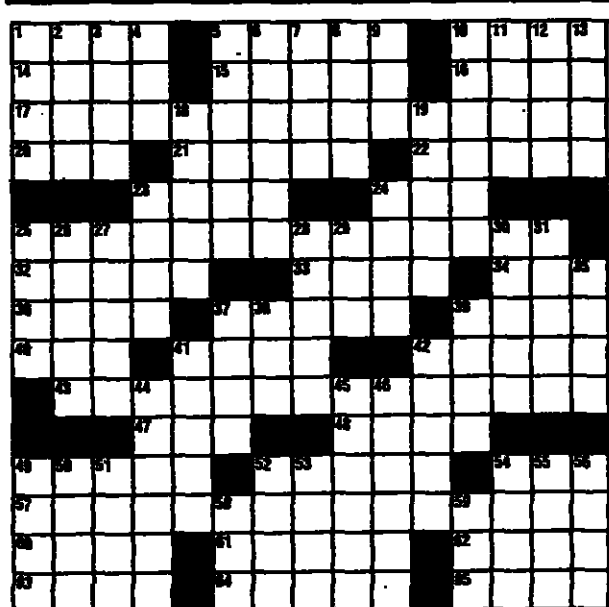
This is not the first time that the southwest of France, a land of tradition (particularly from the gastronomic point of view) and a fief of modernity (aerospaces, space, electronics, computers, etc.), illustrates the words Louis Pasteur addressed to the students at the Ecole des Beaux Arts (School of Fine Arts) on March 6, 1865: "There are circumstances in which I clearly see the possible and desirable alliance of science and art, when chemists and physicists can take their places among you and enlighten you." And it is indeed in this dynamic region of the southwest that the use of computers applied to mosaics has already opened up the future to this other form of ancestral art.

And it is surely not the last time. The "Second Forum of Arts of the Scientific and Technical World" (FAUST), with its international attendance, its festival of scientific films, its 28 conferences, lectures and discussions, its 12 concerts and 6 exhibitions, was recently held in Toulouse, to present "everything that can make up an interface, between the world of research and technology, on the one hand, and the world of creation and cultural life, on the other."

This revival of the stained-glass window has to be appreciated for its true worth. Its role in the development of architecture and decorative art has been fundamental in the West, and particularly in France, which alone owns more old stained glass than the rest of the world. As a precaution against bombing, five hectares of stained glass, from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, were deposited here.

And the modern stained glass window already reached new heights with the 1900s style and profited from contemporary trends such as Cubism, Expressionism and Abstraction and the best painters are still interested in it.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Small dog, for short
  - Mount Santo —, Philippines
  - Ole —, Norwegian violinist
  - Soviet mountain range
  - setter
  - Silkworm
  - Hunting dog
  - Compass pt.
  - Off. worker
  - Remain stationary
  - Monkhood
  - Building extension
  - Bulldogs' cousins
  - Doze
  - Spring
  - Island instrument, for short
  - Enthusiastic
  - Certain inlets
  - "Once —"
  - "Cat on a Hot — Roof"
  - Wings
  - Do a baker's work
  - Long-eared dogs
  - One of LBJ's dogs
  - Mine entrance
  - Concerning
  - Nepheas of Dorothy's dog
  - Entertainer Zadora
  - Guide dogs, usually
  - Cheese tray
  - New Orleans football player
  - Booby
- DOWN**
- Before bow, road or word
  - Room in a casa
  - Small sturdy dogs
  - Amor
  - Hardy cabbage
  - Antiquity
  - "in doubt to act —"
  - Demeanor
  - One of a dozen
  - NYSE unit
  - Bug
  - Mongoose
  - Encumbrance
  - Garnish
  - Bar
  - Long Island town
  - "...a dollar, — o'clock scholar..."
  - Epochs
  - Fid. goal
  - Containing
  - oil
  - "...evil
  - Shoemakers' helpers
  - Native American
  - Money in Delhi
  - Toast, Scandinavian style
  - Pass receivers
  - Gulliver, to friends
  - Crew member
  - One of a dozen
  - Spitzlike dog
  - Deli specialty
  - Palsy-walsy
  - Plates of a type
  - Puts into effect
  - Askew
  - Ancient chronicler
  - Vocal
  - Russian ruler
  - Buckeye State
  - Malay canoe
  - Star
  - Nick and Nora's dog
  - Top defense gp.
  - City trains

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**  
LIMA WHEEL BEND  
ORAN AERIE ASIA  
COTTAGE INDUSTRY  
KNEE HOLE NEEDS  
EMS TASS  
MADAMS SOLE ABA  
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THE HOUSE OF MIRTH  
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YRS LORD PINNED  
VISE EON  
ELISTE UOXIOUS  
TOWER OF STRENGTH  
CRAW MACRE GREE  
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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

**Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠AKQ6 ♥95 ♦AKJ3 ♣J63  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass

**What do you bid now?**  
A.—It's a difficult decision. Rule out two spades—you aren't quite good enough to guarantee game. That leaves a slightly imperfect two no trump or an underbid of one spade. We prefer one spade because we don't believe game can be made unless partner can bid again, and we surely don't want to bypass such a strong four-card major.

**Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠KJ63 ♥A106 ♦AKJ5 ♣87  
What is your opening bid?  
A.—The stricture that you needed at least Q x in your doubleton suit to open the bidding with one no trump has long gone by the boards. If you don't open this 16-point hand with 1 NT, you'll never be able to describe it properly.

**Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠KQ73 ♥A106 ♦AKJ5 ♣87  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
What action do you take?  
A.—While partner could be broke, he could also have some 6-7 points, and that could be enough to give you play for game. Tell partner you have a maximum no trump with excellent spade support by raising to three spades. That leaves the decision to bid game to him.

**Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠KQ73 ♥A106 ♦AKJ5 ♣87  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 3 ♣ Pass

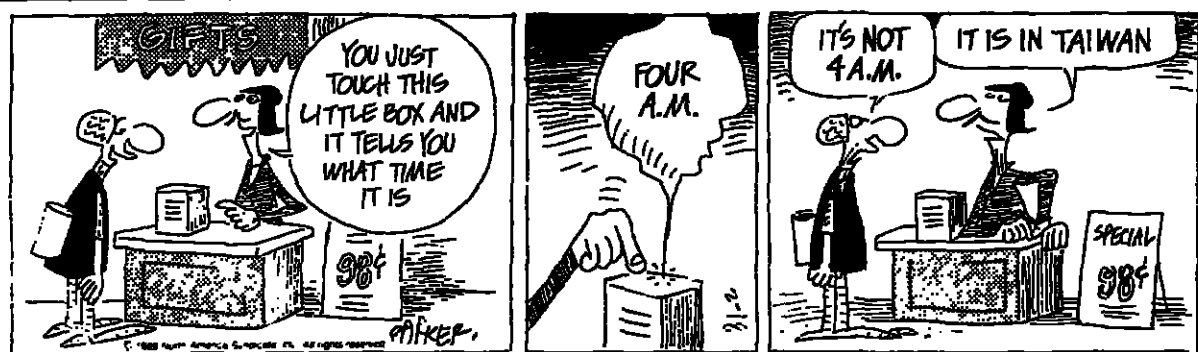
**What do you bid now?**  
A.—You don't know whether partner is interested in game or slam. All you can do for the moment is pass along the good news that you have a maximum no trump opener with excellent support for his suit. You accomplish that by making your cheapest cue-bid—four diamonds.

**Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠95 ♥KQ73 ♦AKJ5 ♣AJ6  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
What action do you take?  
A.—Even though you have a maximum one no trump opening bid, there is a glaring flaw—no support for partner's suit. At no trump, partner's hand might not produce much for you. Pass.

**Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠83 ♥AQ42 ♦AK63 ♣J94  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♣ 2 ♣ ?  
What action do you take?  
A.—You could easily have the best hand at the table, yet your side might not have a playable game. As against that, we do not see how East can come to eight tricks in light of partner's vulnerable opening bid. We would double. (If we were playing negative doubles, we would have to take the same action because partner might not be able to reopen)

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
Do not try to shirk your duties. live up to them. You should not permit yourself to be distracted. Make sure you are on time for an appointment. Be more patient.

**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
You will be in high spirits and should make sure you do not go over the top. 6 to 34 are your lucky numbers. Something you had thought would be a serious obstacle will turn out to be rather easy to negotiate.

**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
You will feel a little disappointed, but you should consider the brighter aspects. Something you had feared might will not now happen. Do not let your emotions run away with you. Be pertinent.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
An impulse to do something you know well you should not must be kept under control. You should avoid making a promise that would be hard to keep. Do not place too much reliance on your memory. Be tolerant.

**Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**  
You must not act on hearsay or on a "bunch" just now. If you rely on good luck you will be disappointed. You must avoid playing with fire. Be courteous.

**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**  
You will be able to give a friend some good advice and he will be grateful. You should persevere instead of giving up at the slightest sign of a difficult. Do not do anything that would be a health risk. Be observant.

**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**  
Mercury's less favourable influence will tend to make you a little more forgetful. You should not spend too much time dealing with secondary matters. Do not eat what you think might not agree with you. Be firm.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
Look forward instead of dwelling on the past. You will feel more sure of yourself but should beware of over-confidence. Do not expect others to do just what you would like them to do. Be less suspicious.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
You will feel a little unsure and slightly on the nervous side. The influences are mixed, but there is nothing fatal in the offering provided you do nothing drastic. Do not retire into yourself. Be confident.

**Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
You are a little too liable to believe what you would like to believe and should avoid daydreaming. There will be some luck but not enough to change things drastically.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**  
You should be on the lookout for someone trying to overtake from the inside. You must act quickly if you do not want to miss a good opportunity. Do not trust to luck just now. Be resourceful.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**  
The Moon's less favourable influence will tend to engender gloomy thoughts. You should do all you can to cheer yourself up; look to the future. It would be wrong for you to jump to conclusions.



## Vital life-saving tips

## Heart attack: would you know what to do?

Thousands of heart attack victims die because help is too long in coming. Here is a guide on what to do in an emergency.

By Lynda Black

THOUSANDS of people die every year all over the world from heart attacks. And most people simply do not know what to do when a heart attack occurs.

Dr Mark Whiteley, 26, a Senior House Officer in the Accident and Emergency Department of St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, helps run a new scheme called E.A.R.-Expiratory Air Resuscitation.

He says: "Most people who start to show the tell-tale symptoms, will suffer a heart attack within the first one or two hours of feeling ill."

"They look grey, their skin is cold and sweaty. They may complain of indigestion."

"They may feel a sharp pain behind their backbone, which has often been described as being like a tight band stretched across their chest."

"The main thing is not to panic. Get help. If there are no medical staff available, call an ambulance."

"Not everyone loses consciousness, but those who do suffer a full heart attack describe how it's as if their heart is wiggling about."

## Basic

"This is called ventricular fibrillation. It's when the blood stops circulating. The person will give two or three short breaths and 'die'. Four minutes later the brain dies. You have a few vital minutes in which to help the victim before the ambulance men arrive — usually in six or seven minutes."

"It will be the longest six or seven minutes you ever experience, but you will have to become a temporary life support machine."

"By carrying out Expiratory Air Resuscitation you can make



A heart attack victim

those four minutes last and last."

People who want to learn basic life support (mouth to mouth breathing and cardiac massage) should really attend a class, but failing that here are some simple instructions on how to deal with unconscious people.

Always remember the formula A.A.B.C. — Approach, Airway, Breathing and Circulation.

1. APPROACH. Approaching the victim is always very important, especially if they are lying on a busy road. There may be other things to take into account, eg. the victim may be electrocuted so that you will have to isolate the source of the electricity first. Do not endanger your own life — it will only mean that the next person may have two unconscious people to deal with, instead of one!

When you see someone lying on the ground, do not assume they have had a heart attack. There are other reasons for unconsciousness — they may be diabetic, epileptic, drowned or plain drunk.

Take them by the shoulders and give them a good shake. Ask them loudly if they are alright. If they respond, but are drowsy, put them in the recovery position.

2. AIRWAY. If they do not respond, open their mouth and look inside. Check to see if there is any blood, vomit etc. and if there is, remove it. Leave dentures in place unless they are very loose, in which case they will have to be removed.

Place your hand under the neck and tilt the head back. This

brings the jaw and tongue forward, and clears the airway.

3. BREATHING. Are they breathing? Most people breathe about 12 times per minute — once every five seconds.

Put your head close to their face and do three things: Look to see if the chest is rising and falling. LISTEN for any sounds of breathing and FEEL for any breath on your cheek.

If they are breathing, quickly check the pulse (see CIRCULATION below) and if that is also present, place the person in the recovery position. Then call an ambulance.

If they are NOT breathing you must call an ambulance immediately and breathe for them. If possible delegate someone close by to dial for the ambulance; if there is no-one

else, you must do it yourself. Tell the ambulance service that someone is not breathing and tell them exactly where you are. Now you should perform mouth to mouth breathing (or Expired Air Resuscitation — E.A.R.) like this:

## Airway

a) Clear the airway (as described above).

b) Pinch the nose.

c) Take a deep breath, cover the victim's entire mouth with yours and breathe into them. Watch the chest rise. Do not blow so hard that the stomach inflates as well.

d) Take another breath yourself and then give the victim a second breath.

4) CIRCULATION: Check the pulse. It is better not to use the pulse at the wrist, which could be very weak. Instead, find the carotid pulse in the neck. Feel for the Adam's apple and then find the groove between it and the big muscle down either side of the neck. The pulse is located in this groove. If you cannot find a pulse on one side, try the other. If there is a pulse, continue to breathe for the patient at your normal breathing rate, ie. about once every five seconds, and keep checking that the pulse is still present.

If there is NO pulse you will have to start cardiac massage (External Chest Compression ECC):

a) Make sure the victim is lying on his back on a firm surface (the floor is best). If he is in bed, you will have to pull him onto the floor.

b) Find the top of the breastbone, where there is a notch at the base of the neck. Find the bottom of the breastbone, where the ribs join and the stomach starts to feel soft. Then find the lower third of the breastbone — this is about 2-3 fingers' widths up from the bottom of the bone. Place the heel of your dominant hand on this spot.

c) Place your other hand on top and interlink your fingers, allowing only the heel of your hand to be in contact with the victim's body.

d) Lock your elbows straight and keep your shoulders above your hands.

e) Give 15 firm compressions, with a pumping action — a bit faster than one per second.



Dr Luo, a Chinese doctor who treats eczema patients with herbal medicine.

## Herbal help for eczema

By Sarah Stacey

AT SOME stage in their lives, one person in 10 will suffer from eczema. It is particularly prevalent in children. Western medicine appears to have a limited capacity to help but a treatment evolved from the principles of traditional Chinese medicine is changing the lives of most of those who take it.

Every day, queues for Dr Ding-Hui Luo's small surgery wind round the streets of London's Chinatown. Some come at daybreak in order to be seen first. Each one believes the results to be worth the long wait.

Since they have no comparable treatment, consultants at Great Ormond Street, St Thomas' and St John's Hospitals, as well as family doctors, are sending problem patients to Dr Luo.

Dr David Atherton, senior paediatric dermatologist at Great Ormond Street, first heard about her three years ago through his patients. "I became quite fascinated because it was obvious that this was a dramatically effective treatment," he says. "About 80 per cent of our patients were cured or less clear the eczema."

He believes that the difference in patients' response to her treatment and to drugs he can prescribe is because of powerful compounds in the plant medicine.

## Care

Both traditional and Western health care are taught and practised in China. After a training in both disciplines, Dr Luo came to London in 1982 to practise the ancient art of Chinese medicine, which incorporates the use of more than 5,000 herbs. "At home," she says, "bad skin is always referred to the herbal doctor."

She developed the treatment in response to the large number of eczema patients. It consists of a diet (which excludes shellfish, beef and cows' milk), a sweet-smelling emollient ointment to relieve the itching and a bitter infusion of plant substances which must be made freshly each day.

This "Chinese tea," as she calls it, is made up of eight to 10 compounds chosen from a range of about 30. Included are bits of bark, dried mushrooms, seed pods, roots and leaves.

One mother swore she spotted a bit of snake skin, but Dr Luo told her that she does not like to use it in England, though it is widely used in China.

## Imbalance

Western doctors admit they are not certain what causes eczema, or how to cure it. David Atherton believes that it is the "result of some imbalance in the immune system, which may cause an allergy to a wide variety of things."

He adds: "The skin condition is a reflection of that. Factors such as stress, temperature changes, humidity, cigarette smoke, hard water, are not responsible for the eczema. They stimulate an already irritable condition."

Skin-disease patients who have found no relief with Western medicine are being referred to a doctor in London's Chinatown. Her methods are unorthodox but effective.

with blood and the heart. Dr Luo emphasises that "everything works together", so all skin conditions are affected by the digestive system, the heart and the circulatory system.

Many patients come to her when orthodox medicine, and other alternative medicines have failed. A lady of 25, who preferred not to give her name, told me that Dr Luo's treatment had changed her life.

In four months, the rashes all over her body, which had made her life miserable since infancy, had almost completely retreated.

Long-term results cannot be monitored yet, but the most astonishing thing for patients is that there appear to be no toxic side-effects.

"To get the same result," says Dr Atherton, "we would have to use treatments such as internal steroids and, in some cases, even stronger drugs, which have very definite toxic effects." These include swelling, growth and weight increase plus diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting and headaches.

A therapy powerful enough to conquer even the most severe cases of eczema, such toxicity would be a great scientific advance.

The problem is that Dr Luo does not know precisely how she does it. Because her source of information, the Chinese pharmacopoeia, is based on thousands of years of trial and error, she is not certain which plant contains which biologically active compounds or why there are no side-effects.

She is one of the few doctors known to be able to treat eczema successfully. Her dearest wish is to spread the treatment worldwide. To this end, she agreed to collaborate with a research team led by Atherton.

To date, each patient has been prescribed for individually, as usual in Chinese medicine. Dr Luo is working on standardising formulae but there is still a major difficulty centred on her use of several compounds.

She maintains that it is only a balanced mixture of plants which makes her treatment effective. The Western pharmaceutical firms dislike such a pluralist approach. Their research centres on isolating one active principle and producing a drug from that.

Atherton says, "They seem unable to contemplate a situation where different compounds work synergistically."

Without commitment from a major pharmaceutical firm, this treatment may never be widely available. Meanwhile, the queues grow as Dr Luo's reputation spreads.

She hopes that the UK immigration authorities will allow her sister to come from China and help her. David Atherton and his colleagues hope so, too. "The biggest fear is that exhaustion will force her to pack up," he says.

This means he and his colleagues will be left as before, with no effective treatment for one of the most distressing and common illnesses.

## Africa tackles AIDS problem

By Colleen Lowe Morna

HARARE, Zimbabwe — After years of controversy and denial, Africa has begun to address a very sensitive subject — its growing problem of AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). In association with the World Health Organization (WHO), every African country has launched a national programme to fight, primarily through education, the spread of this disease.

This marks a dramatic change for Africa. Until recently, most of the continent's attention focused on a debate over the origins of AIDS. Westerners originally concluded that the virus began in Africa — a notion supported by questionable evidence and deeply offensive to most Africans.

But scientists in the United States have since withdrawn their hypothesis that AIDS jumped from a monkey to human beings in Central Africa. Researchers have admitted that early research in Africa was faulty, and the international scientific community now generally accepts that AIDS is a new to Africa as it is elsewhere.

Overall, the WHO estimates

that 2 million to 3 million Africans are infected with the virus, known as HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) said to cause the disease. The highest incidence is in East and Central Africa, where the virus appeared to have flourished in conditions of war, poverty, and physical displacement, spreading south along established trade routes.

In the long term, according to the WHO, if the spread of the virus continues, AIDS could lead to a negative population growth rate in Africa.

Fighting AIDS in Africa presents several problems:

— Because homosexuality and drug abuse are relatively uncommon, the virus is transmitted almost exclusively through heterosexual intercourse. It affects men and women, and is increasingly reaching children under five, as infected women give birth.

— Spread of the disease through blood transfusions and hypodermic needles — seen as a common cause in the West — is relatively rare here.

— The sensitive nature of the subject has hampered an all-out education effort. "Because of the confidentiality which surrounds

the disease," says Rose Mandebu, a health education specialist in Botswana, "we have yet to create an atmosphere in which HIV positive people will be willing to talk and take the lead in education activities."

— Financial constraints limit the effectiveness of health educators' programmes. Mandebu bemoans the lack of visual material depicting the plight of AIDS victims in an African setting. Most of her material, she says, has been developed in the West. Its emphasis on homosexuals and drug users "only goes to emphasize the view here that AIDS is a foreign disease," she says.

In many countries, there is also a debate over the content of education programmes. While governments have taken a secular approach — stressing the need to limit the number of one's sexual partners and to use condoms — the older generation and churches see in AIDS a chance to revive traditional Christian values of chastity and one marriage partner for life. In Uganda, the Roman Catholic Church has modified the government slogan — "love carefully" to its own — "love faithfully."

— Condoms are increasingly seen by health professionals and government officials here to be of limited help. Says one doctor: "They have a short shelf life in the tropics, they are not foolproof, they are unpopular as a contraceptive, and it is virtually impossible to ensure their constant supply in rural areas."

Monogamy, most Africans are beginning to agree, is the safest insurance policy against AIDS. — The other side of the prevention coin — identifying carriers of the AIDS virus and encouraging them to modify their sexual activity — is also tricky.

Compulsory testing is almost unanimously rejected. It is costly, would have to be repeated every six months, and raises ethical questions. It is generally agreed that a test with such potentially devastating implications should not be administered without counselling.

Over and over in interviews, doctors — who might have to serve the needs of up to 25,000 patients — have said they simply don't have the time to spend on counselling. A senior Kenyan health official says training counsellors is the single biggest challenge facing the AIDS cam-

paign in his country. Kenya is among several African countries that, with WHO's help, will be training an army of volunteer counsellors in 1989.

— As more cases appear, health officials are also turning their attention to care for AIDS patients — which can be difficult. In some countries, where AIDS patients take up to one-quarter of hospital beds, the disease is placing a heavy strain on resources. — Finally, the spread of AIDS may have far-reaching economic costs for Africa. An underdeveloped continent with few university-educated people, Africa could suffer tremendously from a disease which has targeted its elite. The best and brightest of Africa — who tend to live in cities, where the disease has spread most quickly, and who have the money to hire prostitutes (who have a high risk of having the virus) — have been hit hardest by AIDS.

Despite these significant hurdles, AIDS control programmes are now clearly in evidence across the continent. Many have been generously funded by Western donors — some would say disproportionately so, since AIDS is still far from being the biggest cause of death here.

For example, on World AIDS Day last month, virtually every African country held some kind of seminar or exhibition, or produced a play or released a song to mark the occasion.

In Uganda, four bands paraded through the capital city, Kampala, followed by processions of health workers, students, and factory workers bearing banners with such messages as: "Dance, prance, but don't chance," and "One God, one man, one woman, one life."

1989, The Christian Science Monitor.



## FAMILY DOCTOR

By Dr ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## NO EVIDENCE THAT YOGURT IS BENEFICIAL FOR YEAST INFECTION

QUESTION: My girlfriend, who is most knowledgeable about such matters, swears this is no joke and that it really works. She suffers, as do I and I suppose many other women, from frequent yeast infections of the vagina. Her cure is to use cultured, but not pasteurized, plain yogurt, in a large syringe, to put the yogurt in her vagina. She does this once a day for three to four days and claims it never fails to cure the yeast infection. Do you believe this is possible?

ANSWER: Vulvular irritation and vaginal discharge are indeed common in women, and when it's caused by a yeast, it's called genital candidiasis or moniliasis.

It's noted most commonly in individuals who have taken antibiotics for an infection. The medication kills not only the unwanted infection, but also the bacteria that normally inhabit the vagina. With the extinction of these harmless bacteria, the yeasts, which also live in this area, begin to reproduce in an uncontrolled fashion, and soon provoke a vaginitis. Other contributing factors may be oral contraceptives, diabetes mellitus, pregnancy, menstruation, steroid medications and tight undergarments.

The yogurt theory is based on the fact that

yogurt is produced by another harmless germ, a lactobacillus, and that if this bacteria can be introduced into the vagina, it might grow and control the overproduction of yeasts. While it may sound like a simple solution to a common problem, I failed to find any real scientific evidence to prove its effectiveness, and so feel unable to recommend it to you. At any rate, using any flavoured or pasteurized yogurt preparations in such a manner would certainly be a no-no, as they usually contain no useful living bacteria.

ACROSS MY DESK: Although your mail to me often gives me a deep insight into your problems with medical care, a recent paper authored by Dr Robert O. Hansson and his associates from the Department of Psychology at the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma, published in a recent edition of Medical Times, dramatically points out the kinds of complaints that make patients change doctors.

Using a series of interviews with patients to gather the data, Dr Hansson has compiled a list of 13 categories of negative experiences that underlines many of the comments that I have made in this column.

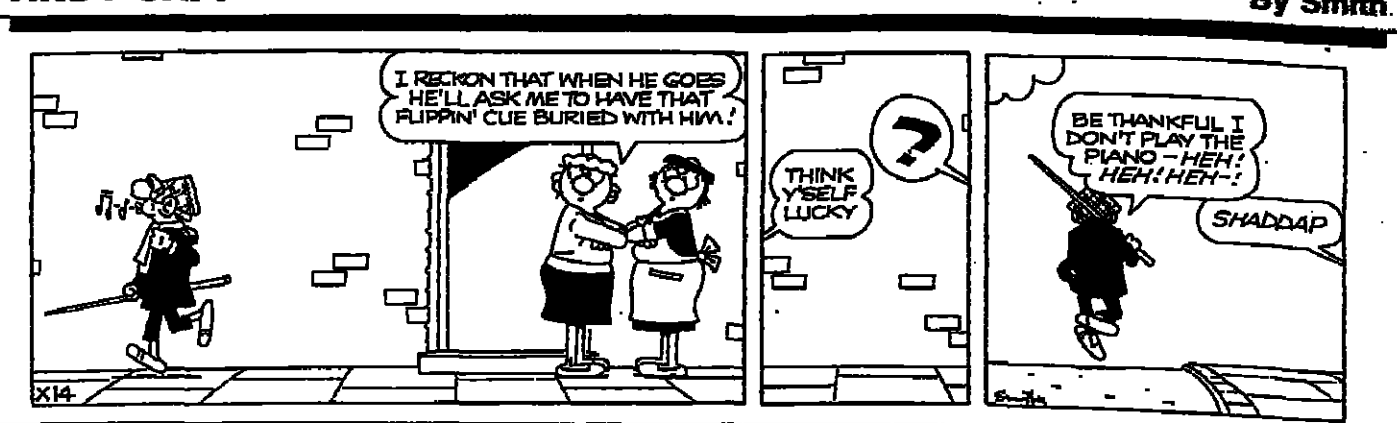
Although "appointment inconvenience" received the highest score in numbers, it did not drive the patient away from the physician as quickly as the feeling of "stereotypic judgements" (when the symptoms were the same for both sexes, men received tests, but women were told their health problems were stress related), or "questionable ethics" that included aspects of sexual harassment.

"Cost of services" was cited by a few, but "lack of communication" and "hurried services" drew far more complaints. It was clear that patients considered the behaviour or ethics of a physician to be more important than the quality or efficacy of treatment, and any appearance by physician or staff of lack of interest for patients concern was a prime factor in changing physicians.

In this study, which involved 73 adults between the ages of 35 and 59, only 7 individuals had no complaints, while more than 90 per cent reported disturbing incidents and 43 per cent of these resulted in a change of doctors. It's a clear case of voting with your feet, when treatment, medical or personal, is unacceptable.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Mexico's oil minister offers to cut exports by up to 6pc

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 20, (AP): Mexico's energy minister offered yesterday to reduce oil exports by up to six per cent if other independent producers limit their exports and OPEC producers stick to their production agreement.

"We are ready to reduce our export platform if it serves for something, if everyone does the same, if OPEC fulfills its objectives and if the other non-OPEC countries are ready to contribute," Fernando Hiriart told reporters yesterday.

Asked how much Mexico was willing to cut exports, Hiriart said it "would not be more than five or six per cent" of the country's current level.

Mexico, which is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, exported around 1.35 million barrels of crude a day last year.

### Offer

Hiriart said the offer would be taken up at a Feb 21 meeting of independent producers and members of the OPEC organisation.

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari's 1989 budget, presented to the Mexican Congress in December, assumes target prices of \$10 a barrel and an export reduction of about five per cent to 1.2 million barrels a day.

As export prices for Mexican crude dropped below \$10 a barrel in October, Hiriart blasted OPEC producers for over-production and engaging in a price war that jeopardised Mexico's share in its principal market, the United States.

Oil sales are Mexico's leading source of foreign income.

Mexico, the world's sixth-largest oil producer, softened its stand after OPEC agreed to cut production by four million barrels a day to 18.5 million barrels a day.

## Vietnam signs oil exploration contract with UK firm

BANGKOK, Feb. 20, (AP): Vietnam's national oil and gas company has signed a contract with British Petroleum Development Limited (BP) for oil exploration off the coast of central Vietnam, according to an official news report today.

The Vietnam news agency, monitored in Bangkok, said the 25-year contract was signed on Thursday in Hanoi, Vietnam, by Truong Thien, president of the Petrovietnam and D.C. Harding, a director of the British company.

The contract calls for the British company to spend about \$60 million over the first five years on exploration. If oil is found, the company will continue to invest money and technology to expand exploration, and will retrieve its investments and share profits "according to international practice on the basis of mutual interest."

### Exploration

The exploration and drilling is to take place over an area of about 15,000 square kilometres (9,375 square miles) off the coast of Da Nang in central Vietnam, the agency said.

The news agency said this was the fourth such contract for oil exploration and exploitation signed with foreign companies since Vietnam adopted a foreign investment law in December 1987.

## Broker arrested on charges of embezzling \$2.6 million

BOSTON, Feb. 20, (Reuters): A Dean Witter Reynolds Inc broker sought on charges that he bilked clients of \$2.6 million was arrested at the US-Canadian border, customs officials said.

Walter Curran, 46, a broker in Dean Witter's Boston office, had been sought on charges of mail and bank fraud. He was arrested by US customs agents at the Massena, New York, border crossing as he re-entered the United States after a trip to Montreal, said US Customs Service spokesman Edward Callanan.

### Friends

He was carrying about \$130,000 at the time of his arrest, Callanan said, and thus will face additional charges because the money had not been declared to US customs as required by federal law.

James Ahern, head of the Boston office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), said Curran was accused of bilking friends of \$2.6 million.

## Japan's industrial productivity on the rise

## Businesses investing in new plants at a record pace

TOKYO, Japan, the economic superpower, seems destined to get even stronger.

For two years the Japanese economy has been on a tear. It has rebounded from the shock of the yen's sharp rise; the domestic market has replaced exports as the economy's engine of growth.

Japanese industry has undergone rapid restructuring, with businesses investing in new plants and equipment at a record pace and creating new ventures at home while moving manufacturing plants abroad.

The economy has responded with the highest growth rate of any major industrial nation—a projected 5.7 per cent for 1988. This year the economy may slow down somewhat, to about 4.5 per cent by most estimates, but it will still outpace that of the United States and West Europe.

### Competitive

But Japan's strength is also its weakness. Japanese economists predict that the nation's huge trade surplus will rise again this year, after shrinking in 1988. The Mitsubishi Research Institute, in its outlook for 1989, called this the "biggest problem facing the Japanese economy." It may again cause serious trade frictions between the US and Japan.

Japanese industry has adjusted so well to the effect of the strong yen that it is again highly competitive in world markets. Japan continues to suck in imports, particularly manufactured goods, a trend that is likely to continue.

In the last few months, the volume of Japanese exports has started to expand as well.

Most Japanese forecasters predict the overall trade surplus will at least hold steady, and will probably go up slightly, from \$94 billion to \$95.5 billion.

The balance of payments, which takes into account the outflow of Japanese investment and spending by tourists, may decline, however.

Japanese trade officials believe the first half of 1989 will be the worst. They anticipate a slowdown in Western Europe and the US later in the year that will lessen the demand for Japanese exports.

### Anticipate

They foresee two key crisis points—the report of the US trade representative to Congress at the end of March, which could trigger retaliatory trade measures against Japan, and the June Western economic summit in Paris.

At the time of the summit, a

trade official says, the trade balance will be rising, and "the government is very worried about that figure (appearing) just before the economic summit." Analysts anticipate renewed pressures at the summit for easing access to the Japanese market.

Despite these concerns, Japanese policymakers believe that Japan and the US will avoid a serious rift. "Discussion will become hotter based on the Japanese surplus," says a senior economic official, "but it cannot make a fire."

The official sees two factors which will restrain conflict: problems with Europe and the need for Japanese capital. The integration of the European Economic Community into a single market in 1992 and Western European movement toward the Soviet Union "are not welcome to the US," the official says.

### Capital

The Bush administration, he predicts, "will need leverage to hinder that kind of movement." It will have to find it in "co-operation with Japan and the Pacific Rim countries." Japanese officials point to co-operation between Japan and the US at the

recent GATT trade negotiations in Montreal as a positive sign.

"At the same time," the senior official argues, "the US will need capital from Japan" to finance the US budget deficit. Given current US economic policies, Japanese generally anticipate that "the government deficit cannot be diminished that easily."

Many American critics charge that Japan's continued surplus is evidence of markets that continue to be closed to foreign goods. American exports have benefited from the dollar's decline, which makes them cheaper for foreigners to buy, but the imbalance has been slow to change.

The Japanese are in no mood to accept such arguments. Imports into Japan have been rising at a 25 per cent rate, with Europeans and Asians benefiting most of all. Meanwhile, Americans remain hungry for imports.

Japanese analysts offer structural explanations for the shift in trade patterns. Japan is benefiting from fall in price of oil. High levels of capital investment in the US and Europe have driven expanded demand for Japanese machinery and parts.

The Japanese are also setting up factories in places such as

Indiana and Thailand—and exporting new machinery for those plants. Such investment increased 100 per cent through September 1988.

According to this analysis, the thirst for imports in Japan will continue, but the export drive could slacken as an anticipated slowdown in the US and Europe takes hold later this year.

Production abroad will replace exports from Japan and also cause more "reverse imports" of Japanese company products into Japan.

Still, Japan's strength also has deep roots. Salomon Brothers Tokyo-based economist Kermit Schoenholz says the key is "productivity growth." Industrial productivity has been rising at a 6 to 8 per cent rate since the second half of 1987.

Rather than spending their profits on corporate takeovers, Japanese companies have been ploughing them into new equipment and factories at a record rate.

A new wave of factory automation is taking place. This past year, equipment investment accounted for 21 per cent of Japan's gross national product. This will translate into further productivity gains this year. The Christian Science Monitor.

## Indian capital market looks up

## Call to provide efficient services to investors

BOMBAY, Feb. 20: The year 1988 has been regarded as the decade's best year for the investors in many respects—smart restoration of market price and turnover trends, revival of common man's interest in industrial securities and setting up of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited (CRISIL), the Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL) and the enrolment of financial institutions as members of stock exchanges, according to the Economic Times.

During 1986-87, the Indian stock market remained dull. All efforts of the government authorities and financial institutions were directed to prevent a further slide, rather than to give the market a boost.

### Optimism

But there was no optimism in the market sentiment. On the other hand, there was a sharp fall in the turnover on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)—from around Rs 13,000 crores in 1986 to about Rs 9,800 crores in 1987—a decline of almost 37 per cent.

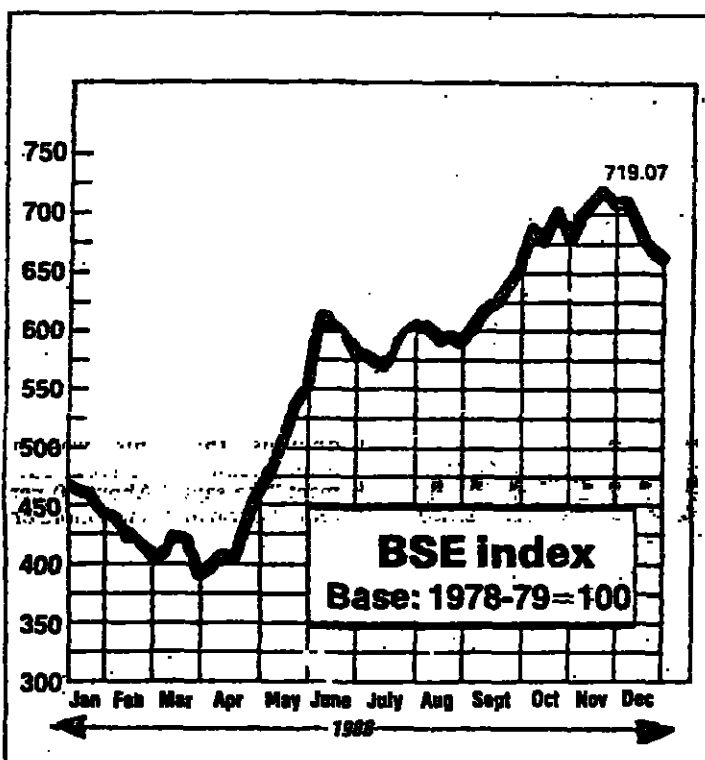
The average price level during 1987 was also lower at 486, compared to 586 in 1986—a fall of around 17 per cent. But the noticeable feature of the market was an almost continuous decline in the share prices in 1987 which reached its lowest in December 1987.

The year 1988 started with dull trading conditions on the stock exchanges. The bearish trends continued till the end of March 1988. The BSE index continued declining during the quarter, reaching the low point of 390 in March.

### Expectations

The turnover of Rs 1,753 crores during the quarter was almost half the turnover at Rs 3,273 crores in the comparable period in 1987.

The budget generated a fresh set of expectations by re-introducing investment all-



owance for selected industries, and making section 115J inapplicable in respect of profits earned on exports.

In addition, Reserve Bank of India's guidelines allowed commercial banks to provide loans to employees to purchase shares of their own companies up to 90 per cent of the purchase price, subject to a ceiling of Rs 20,000.

Despite all these positive measures, the market sentiment remained initially unaffected. From April onwards, the stock markets witnessed a recovery and gained momentum in May and June, when the index reached 596, compared to 427 in April.

The stock market is a barometer of economic environment. It reflected the trends on the economic front—timely monsoon, ten per cent growth rate in the industrial sector, nine per cent growth rate in economy and growth rate of 8.5 per cent in

the wholesale price index on a sustained basis.

Following an increase in the volume of business and activities on all stock exchanges, speculators entered the market in a big way and tried several times to manipulate prices.

Big operators, who were fixing low rates of interest (carryforward charges) during the early part of the year, hiked them later. An analysis shows that, while in the earlier part of trading share prices kept on increasing, about 8 per cent in a clearing, the rate of interest were fixed as high as 3 per cent. With the lifting of curbs, unsettled business grew at a higher rate.

### Bullish

The July-September quarter witnessed a bullish trend. Almost all shares were quoted high and many appreciated by more than 200 per cent.

Financial institutions, mutual funds and management of

various companies extended their support. Investors, who were sore about the cut in dividends, felt happy with the rise in dividends and increase in share prices.

Simultaneously, there was a rapid growth in the business in the speculative scrips as reflected in the higher carryover charges on the BSE, which were as high as 4 per cent per month in June.

The announcement of the convertible debentures by the Reliance Petrochemicals and other attractive new issues resulted in rapid unloading by small investors in August, with a view to booking profits and reinvesting in more attractive issues.

### Turnover

While the BSE index rose by 2.9 per cent in August, the turnover increased by 89 per cent. The Reliance Petrochemicals issue of Rs 560 crores, the largest in the history of Indian stock exchanges, was enthusiastically received and over-subscribed two times. It brought out to the surface, convincingly, the depth and the potential of the Indian capital market.

The sentiment remained bullish throughout the quarter. The range between high and low in the BSE index was 100 points compared to 241 in the previous quarter.

The last quarter, October-December, witnessed a further rise in share prices as well as in turnover on the Bombay Stock Exchange.

With the gradual decline in the rate of market values and increase in the carry-forward charges to around 4 per cent in November and December, a situation was created in the market by speculators, forcing short sellers to square up their transactions in December.

This followed large-scale squaring up and more than 50 per cent unsettled transactions were settled in a few sessions.

On many occasions, blue chips were available at a higher rate

than the price band limit.

Seeing the trend, many stock exchanges increased margins on the bulls and imposed restrictions on brokers to curb the bullish trend.

The BSE imposed a limit of Rs 2 crores on outstanding gross business per broker per day. In addition, it increased the margins on 50 scrips.

The Calcutta Stock Exchange demonstrated unprecedented firmness by imposing 'ad-hoc' margins ranging between Rs 25,000 to Rs 1 lakh on 10 brokers for their carryover positions.

### Concern

Most marketmen have expressed concern over the fixation of high premiums, by the controllers of capital issues. Many companies have been allowed higher premiums than their book values because their market rates of securities were much higher.

In the ultimate analysis, the recovery and growth of the capital market depends on the profitability trends of the private sector to ensure safety of investors' funds and a fair return on their investment.

However, the profitability ratios of the private sector corporate giants are on the reverse gear and do not lend credit to the bullish trend in the capital market.

The overall profitability of the private corporate sector giants declined for the second year in succession in 1987-88. Net profits, as well as profitability ratios, of both the top and mini giants got a severe jolt. As many as 54 giant companies, out of the 236, for which data were presented for the year 1987-88, suffered losses. No dividends were paid by 52 companies, while 37 others reduced them.

Finally, a good news. The BSE made its first ever disbursement of Rs 3.29 lakhs from the customers' protection fund to 46 investors to compensate genuine investment losses suffered by clients of defaulting stock brokers.

## World Business Summary

## Top Mexican brokers indicted on fraud charges

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 20, (AP): Four top officers from two of Mexico's biggest brokerage firms were indicted yesterday on charges of illegal trading and criminal fraud stemming from an inquiry into the 1987 stock market crash. Treasury Secretary Pedro Aspe said earlier in the week that the violations included insider trading in stocks and foreign currencies, the sale of non-existent Treasury certificates, and trading in securities without clients' consent. Indicted were Eduardo Legorreta Chauvet, board chairman of Operadora de Bolsa, one of Mexico's two leading trading firms; and Jaime Ceballos Cervantes, the company's director of investment promotions. Also indicted were Juan Carlos Fernandez Cueto and Jose Francisco Rodriguez Dupont of Mexicana de Valores e Inversiones, the other major brokerage firm. The four men face prison terms of from two to 10 years for violating the federal penal code, officials said. The indictments were announced during a news conference in Mexico's Eastern Penitentiary, where the men are being held. The investigation followed complaints filed by at least 200 investors against all but one of Mexico's 24 registered brokerage firms after stockholders incurred losses estimated at \$7 million in the October 1987 crash. Treasury Department officials said they began receiving complaints of fraud after the stock market index plunged 74 per cent in 28 trading days. Officials have not said how much money was involved. But Gustavo Diaz, president of a group of investors who say they were defrauded, has estimated the brokerage firms netted \$43.5 million in profits from alleged illegal trading. The stock market investigation is part of an overall crackdown on labour and white-collar corruption in Mexico by President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, who took office last Dec 1.

## New effort needed to end Third World debt crisis

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20, (Reuters): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar called on the United States and other major industrialised nations today to take the lead in resolving the Third World's debt crisis. Perez de Cuellar labelled the debt burden "The development crisis of the eighties in the Third World." He made his remarks in a speech prepared for the opening session of a three-day international development conference and released today. The UN leader said the crisis is worse than the 1930s depression, with Latin American per capita income lower than at the start of the decade, living standards declining in Africa and 800 million Third World people without enough food. "There is a clear need for concerted action by debtor and creditor nations to develop co-operative, durable and growth-oriented solutions to the debt problem," he said. Perez de Cuellar said the present strategy had not produced results and "a new political impulse is needed." He called on the G-7 nations, the world's major industrial democracies, to give the same high priority to reducing Third World debt and assuring continued Third World financing as they did on stabilising currencies and avoiding recession. Perez de Cuellar said greater debt forgiveness and new aid could open the way for the economic diversification and the development Third World countries desperately need. He called on the rich nations to target 0.7 per cent of their gross national products for aid, allowing current aid to the Third World to be doubled. Perez de Cuellar said the Third World debt problem had already injured the United States by drying up overseas markets and costing several hundred thousand jobs and said it also posed "a potential threat to the international financial system."

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## Housing crisis threatens Australian dream

SYDNEY, Feb. 20, (Reuters): High interest rates, skyrocketing urban land prices, sliding real incomes and a debt-ridden economy have created a nightmare for Australians trying to buy their first homes.

The housing crisis in a country that has 50 hectares (125 acres) of land for every man, woman and child also poses a threat to Prime Minister Bob Hawke's efforts to win an unprecedented fourth term in elections expected this year.

Hawke has called an emergency meeting of premiers from Australia's six states to discuss the problem, which he blamed for a 10 per cent swing against his Labour Party in recent Western Australian state elections. Labour won narrowly.

### Haunt

Hawke has offered to quick-fix solutions. Political analysts say the housing problem is expected to haunt his government in the lead-up to the general election. Spiralling property costs have

driven inflation to a two-year high of 7.7 per cent, throwing the government's economic strategy based on wage restraint and a tight credit policy of course.

Treasurer Paul Keating, facing union demands for wage rises and tax cuts, accused middle-class people of wanting more than they could afford.

Government leaders are telling people to move out of the cities and into the outback if they want to realise the 'great Australian dream'—a home on a quarter acre of land with landscaped gardens and swimming pool.

### Scattered

Eighty per cent of Australia's 16 million people live in 55 cities scattered mostly along the coast. Vast areas of the Australian hinterland are semi-arid or undeveloped bushland.

Lack of jobs, poor transportation, communications and other facilities in rural areas prevent city dwellers from moving to the countryside, community leaders say.

## Kremlin endorses economic devolution as part of austerity plan

MOSCOW, Feb. 20, (Reuters): The Kremlin has approved plans to give the Soviet Union's 15 constituent republics more power to make their own economic decisions, the Soviet newspaper Pravda said today.

The proposals, which will soon be published, were part of an austerity package aimed at curbing the country's serious economic and financial ills. Pravda said in a report on a meeting of the Communist Party's ruling Politburo.

Pravda said republican governments would be able to decide for themselves how heavily they taxed co-operatives, the Kremlin's experiment in limited private enterprise. They would also give more autonomy over environmental measures.

### Reaffirmed

But it said the Politburo reaffirmed earlier warnings that government spending must be cut and revenue increased in an effort to reduce the large budget deficit, estimated by some Soviet economists at 100 billion roubles (\$160 billion).

The main cuts in spending would come from reducing the financing of centralised capital investments in production, defence and administration.

Revenues would be increased by "raising the efficiency of production, eliminating loss-making and using more actively diverse forms of mobilising money resources in all sectors of public production."

The meeting, which was held on Thursday, was attended by party and government leaders from all the republics.

Pravda said the proposals would "restructure the management of the economy and social sphere in the union republics on the basis of self-management and self-financing." But it gave few concrete details.

The plan appeared to go some way at least to satisfying growing demands, particularly from richer republics such as Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, that their standard of living be tied more closely to the amount they produce.

At present, the richer republics effectively subsidise the poorer ones by making relatively larger contributions to the federal budget in Moscow.

"It is proposed to establish a direct link between economic development and the increase in well-being of the population, resources at the disposal of each republic and the final results of its economic activities," Pravda said.

"New mechanisms of forming the republics' budgets are aimed at resolving this task," it said.

Among other measures the Politburo also again pledged to put more consumer goods into the shops, although it said this would come from increased domestic production, implicitly rejecting calls from some economists for more imports.

In what could indicate disagreement among the leadership, an earlier text of the meeting released by the official news agency Tass yesterday said Politburo members had called to increase the share of consumer goods in imports.



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ALD LYONS	485.0
AMSTRAD	156.0
ARGILL GP	186.0
ASDA GP	147.0
BAA	308.0
BIR	358.0
BAT INDS	457.0
BARCLAYS	940.0
BASS	212.0
BEAZER	590.0
BEECHAM	161.0
BELFORD	457.0
BICC PLC	457.0
BLUE ARN	91.0
BLUE CIRC	533.0
BOC GP	494.0
BOOTS CO	261.0
BPE INDS	258.0
BR COM	233.0
BR AIRWAY	193.2
BR AEROSP	535.0
BR GAS RG	175.0
BR LAND	348.0
B.P.	170.0
B.P.PP	270.0
BR STEEL	80.75
BR TELCO	279.0
BURMAN OL	535.0
BURTON	87.79
CABLEVIEW	427.0
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CLINTON	852.0
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COURTAULD	300.0
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DIXONS	159.0
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ENTER OIL	549.0
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GEN ELEC	231.0
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GKN	367.0
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HILLSDOWN	283.0
ICI	195.0

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LAND SECS	572.0
LAPORTE	410.0
LASMO	485.0
LEGAL+GEN	328.0
LONRHO	68.00
LUNAS IND	44.00
MAGNET	290.0
MARKS+SP	165.0
MAXWELL C	229.0
MB GROUP	280.0
MEPC	560.0
MIDLAND BK	467.0
NEXT	154.4
NTN FOODS	297.0
P & O DFD	685.0
PEARL	415.0
PEARSON	712.0
PILKINGTON	250.0
PLESSEY	254.0
POLLY PEC	350.0
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RACAL TEL	385.0
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RANK ORG	917.5
RECKITT+CO	513.4
REDLAND	513.4
REED	443.0
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REUTERS	644.5
RTZ CORP	515.0
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ROTHMAN B	518.0
ROYAL INS	435.0
SAATCHI	408.0
SAINSBURY	235.0
SCOT+HEW	427.0
SEARS	260.0
SEDEWICK	374.0
SHELL	478.0
SLOUGH EN	327.0
STD-CHART	555.0
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WINTROD IN	340.0
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WILLIS FB	245.0
WIMPEY GE	89.50
WOOLWORTH	274.0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 IND	1696.9	1677.7	1666.5	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	0	1153.5	1153.5	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1058.89	58.89	1055.20	926.59
FT GOV SEC	89.08	89.08	89.15	87.03
FT GOLD MN	154.7	154.7	159.4	161.9
FT NINES F	666.55	666.55	666.81	565.31
FT OIL	1902.8	1902.8	1899.3	1725.4
FT MLD DLR	146.49	145.85	146.07	139.21
FT MLD STG	122.29	122.10	122.11	115.30
FT MLD LOC	130.46	130.05	130.18	123.40

## London Stock Market Report

## U.K. SHARES AT DAY'S HIGHS ON ECONOMIC DATA

LONDON, FEB 20, REUTER - SHARES WERE AT THEIR HIGHS ON THE DAY IN SLOW AFTERNOON BUSINESS, HELPED BY U.K. JANUARY STERLING M4 BANK AND BUILDING SOCIETY LENDING FIGURES EARLIER WHICH ANALYSTS SAID POINTED TO A SLOWDOWN IN CONSUMER DEMAND.

NEWS MINORCO RAISED ITS CONS GOLD BID TO 14 STG PER SHARE FROM 13 STG BOOSTED BY OVERALL SENTIMENT EARLY ON, DEALERS SAID.

CONS GOLD SHARES WERE UP 3P TO 1,438 ON LOW TURNOVER AS INVESTORS AWAITED THE NEXT MOVE AFTER CONS GOLD REJECTED THE BID. BY 1547 GMT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS UP 24.9 POINTS TO THE DAY'S HIGH OF 2,067.8.

DEALERS SAID NEWS OF AN 8.5 BILLION STG RISE IN M4 LENDING, AGAINST FORECASTS OF A 6.3 BILLION STG GAIN, AT FIRST PULLED PRICES BACK FROM THE DAY'S EARLIER HIGHS.

BUT FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THE DATA POINTED TO A SLOWDOWN IN CONSUMER DEMAND ONCE THE MORTGAGE ELEMENT HAD BEEN STRIPPED OUT KEVIN GARDINER, EQUITY STRATEGIST AT WARBURG SECURITIES, SAID.

THE RISE IN BANK LENDING CHIEFLY REFLECTED CORPORATE BORROWING AT A TIME OF TRADITIONALLY HIGH TAX PAYMENTS IN JANUARY. STERLING HAD THE HIGHEST MEASURE OF MONEY SUPPLY, FELT 0.6 PCT, A SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN EXPECTED DECLINE, BUT THE FIGURE WAS NEVERTHELESS ENCOURAGING, HE ADDED.

## London Gold

LONDON, FEB 20, REUTER - GOLD BULLION ENDED AN UNEVENTFUL SESSION TWO DLRS ABOVE FRIDAY'S CLOSE AT 382.25/382.75 DLRS AN OUNCE, AT THE TOP END OF A 50 CENTS RANGE.

THE ABSENCE OF THE U.S. MARKET BECAUSE OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY SAW LONDON HOLD ON TO ITS OPENING GAINS WHICH FOLLOWED ON FROM INITIAL FAR EAST INTEREST AND LIGHT EUROPEAN BUYING IN THE EARLY STAGES OF TRADING, DEALERS SAID.

THE MARKET APPEARED TO BE CONSOLIDATING AFTER LAST WEEK'S SELL-OFF TO 2-1/2 YEAR LOANS WITH THE DOLLAR ALSO HOLDING FAIRLY STATIC, THEY ADDED.

## London Money Market

LONDON, FEB 20, REUTER - MONEY INTEREST RATES HELD A SLIGHTLY FIRMER BIAS AT THE LONGER END OF THE MARKET IN LATE TRADING, DEALERS SAID.

THEY ATTRIBUTED THE HARDER TONE TO U.K. MONEY SUPPLY AND BANK LENDING DATA, WHICH SHOWED M4 LENDING JUMPED A HIGHER THAN EXPECTED 8.5 BILLION STG IN JANUARY, AFTER A RISE OF SEVEN BILLION IN DECEMBER. THE NARROW M4 MONEY SUPPLY MEASURE FELL BY 0.6 PCT AFTER A DROP OF 0.8 PCT HAD BEEN FORECAST.

"THE FIGURES WERE DISAPPOINTING FOR THE MARKET," SAID ONE DEALER. "THEY CERTAINLY DON'T MAKE A BASE RATE CUT ANY MORE LIKELY. IT LOOKS AS THOUGH WE STAY AS WE ARE."

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
DLR	1.7640/50	3.2500/40	11.0660/0780	NOON
STG	1.8578/8458	3.242/256	29.285/445	FIX
DMK	6.266/276	11.0625/0805	34.0.250/890	FIX
FFR	1.5653/5663	2.7635/7669	84.98/85.00	1300
SFR	2.0795	3.6690	112.88	FIX
HFL	2.0795	0.640604	2.08379	CLSE
SGU	1.13035	7.46607	2.43481	CLSE
SOR	1.32687	222.96/223.28		NOON
YEN	126.30/50	17/02/1989	20/02/1989	

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## International Bond Highlights

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## Dollar steady

## European stock markets mostly higher

LONDON, Feb. 20. (Reuters): Most European stock markets rallied today after shares in Tokyo hit a record high.

The dollar was barely changed and dealers expected currency business to be slow because of the President's Day public holiday in the United States today.

Gold and oil prices edged higher in cautious business.

The dollar's stability helped to ease the Frankfurt share market's nagging worries about rising domestic interest rates, although dealers said some uncertainty remained.

## Boosted

Wall Street's modest rise on Friday after a December US trade report in line with expectations also boosted the market.

"The general feeling is that we are due for at least a slight upward correction," one West German share dealer said.

In Paris, the 50-share bourse

indicator started 0.27 per cent up.

Earlier Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 53.59 points to 3,159.84 points while Sydney's main market index closed up 24.4 points at 1,472.7.

The dollar started at 1.8370 marks and 126.10 yen in London compared with Friday's closes of 1.8375 and 125.93. By 1100 GMT it was nudging 1.84 marks and 126.25 yen.

The main currency market factor this week is likely to be congressional testimony which starts tomorrow from US Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan.

## Attract

Markets will scrutinise the central bank chief's remarks for clues to whether the Fed might raise interest rates. Higher US rates attract investors to dollar assets.

Gold started the week a shade

higher at \$382.40 an ounce in London compared with Friday's close of \$380.50.

Brent Blend oil from Britain's North Sea was offered 10 cents a barrel higher for March delivery at about \$16.80.

The benchmark US Treasury long bond was quoted at 99-8/32 per cent yielding 9.07 per cent.

## Lending

London, shares were at their highs on the day in slow afternoon business, helped by UK January sterling M4 bank and building society lending figures earlier which analysts said pointed to a slowdown in consumer demand.

News Minoro raised its Cons Gold bid to £14 per share from £13 boosted overall sentiment early on, dealers said. Cons Gold shares were up 3p to 1,438 on low turnover as investors awaited the next move after Cons Gold rejected the bid. By 1547 GMT the

FTSE 100 share index was up 24.9 points to the day's high of 2,067.8.

Dealers said news of an £8.5 billion rise in M4 lending, against forecasts of a £6.3 billion gain, at first pulled prices back from the day's earlier highs.

But further analysis of the data pointed to a slowdown in consumer demand once the mortgage element had been stripped out, Kevin Gardiner, equity strategist at Warburg Securities, said.

The rise in bank lending chiefly reflected corporate borrowing at a time of traditionally high tax payments in January. Sterling M0, the narrowest measure of money supply, fell 0.6 per cent, a slightly smaller than expected decline, but the figure was nevertheless encouraging, he added.

By 1625 GMT just under one million Cons Gold shares had changed hands. Dealers said they

thought the new Minoro offer was an attempt to prompt a net asset valuation from Cons Gold, which analysts say could be as high as £20 per share. Analysts said they expected Minoro would eventually have to make a higher bid which could be as much as £16 per share.

## Offer

Minoro's new offer is conditional on a ruling by a New York court, which placed an injunction on the company's bid on grounds of possible violation of US anti-trust laws.

Minoro shares were 10p higher at 76p in late afternoon business.

Redland rose 15p to 512 after an analysts' meeting on Friday, while Tarmac rose 6p to 295 in sympathy, helped by speculation over a substantial revaluation in Cons Gold's Arney Roadstone subsidiary, dealers said.

## Khorafi for Morocco to take part in Arab economic meeting

KUWAIT, Feb. 20. (KUNA): Kuwait's Minister of Finance Jasssem Mohammed Al Khorafi left here today for Morocco to take part in the 46th session of the Arab Economic and Social Council and the 13th meeting of the board of governors of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) due to be held there from Feb. 22-25.

Khorafi told Kuwait News Agency that during the IDB meeting, the report of the procedural committee would be reviewed as well as the Iranian request to join the bank.

The 13th annual report and budgeting the accounts and the budget would also take place during the meetings and the recommendations of the procedural committee on the bank's revenues would be discussed.

## Discussions

He added that discussions would also include the draft agreement for co-operation between the IDB and the Arab Organisation of Agricultural Development.

Khorafi also said that the 46th session of the Arab Economic and Social Council would review the report of the secretary-general dealing with following up implementation of the resolutions adopted by the previous session.

Talks would also tackle administrative and economic issues and the social conditions in the occupied Palestinian lands.

The meeting will also discuss food security and food products in the Arab countries Khorafi said.

The minister is accompanied by director of the economic organisations department at the Finance Ministry Khaled Al Rab'aa and the director of the undersecretary's office Mohammed Al Mershed and head of the organisations department Adnan Al Khedair.

## Kuwait to supply Zambia's oil needs this year

LUSAKA, Feb. 20. (Reuters): Kuwait will supply Zambia with all of its oil requirements this year, Finance Minister Gibson Chigaga said today.

"We have a facility which we have open with Kuwait," Chigaga said referring to an agreement signed last week in Kuwait.

Under the pact, Kuwait will supply between \$40 million and \$50 million worth of crude oil. The total would vary depending on fluctuations in the world oil price, he said.

He did not give a tonnage figure for the oil to be supplied.

Imported oil accounts for about 15 per cent of Zambia's total energy supply. More than 70 per cent comes from domestically produced hydro-electricity and the rest from coal.

## UK minister in Bahrain for trade talks

MANAMA, Feb. 20. (KUNA): Visiting British Minister of Trade Alan Clark today met the Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, Gulf News Agency reported.

It said, discussions during the meeting tackled trade relations between the two countries in the light of stabilisation of situation in the Gulf region due to cessation of the Iraqi-Iranian war.

Clark, who arrived here earlier today on an official two-day visit, will also hold further talks with Bahraini Trade and Agriculture Minister Habib Qasim on ways of fostering bilateral relations before he heads on Wednesday for Oman.

## Beijing hopes to stabilise markets

## China's imports and exports total \$79.42b

BEIJING: China's trade with foreigners hit a record level last year. But the nation's leaders have found that the free-market economic reforms that helped produce the commerce are a two-edged sword.

Thus, Beijing is slowing the liberalisation of its trading system, just as it has curbed broader market-oriented reforms over the past five months.

China's imports and exports totalled \$79.42 billion in 1988. The brisk commerce resulted from Beijing surrendering many powers over trade to businesses and provincial or local officials, trade officials said Monday.

Hundreds of new trading companies, enjoying the laxest state controls in decades, bought and sold more good with foreigners than ever before.

Rectification  
However, many of the more than 4,100 new, state-owned trading firms entered into deals against the country's interest because of inexperience or self-interest, according to the officials.

Consequently, China's trade surplus fell to \$785 million last year from \$1.3 billion in 1987.

Last year "trading companies

could not compete equally and some companies were not well managed so the foreign trade was not in very good order, but all these conditions are now under rectification," said Liu Xiangdong, spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade.

As with reform of the economy as a whole, Beijing has applied the brakes to its trade policies. It hopes to stabilise its markets and curb local officials who have abused their new economic powers.

The reforms in both spheres have spurred the economy, with China's industrial growth exceeding 17 per cent last year and trade in 1988 expanding 16.6 per cent.

But market-oriented measures have enabled lower-level officials to ignore central guidance, promote local interests, and bolster their incomes with graft.

For instance in the area of trade reform, the state since last March has broken up large state trading monopolies into dozens of competing firms and allowed them to retain profits in foreign exchange above a state-set quota.

Yet many trading firms, seek-

ing additional foreign exchange, have persuaded newly-emancipated local officials to grant licences for exports that exceed state quotas, Liu said. The unauthorised exports have created chaos in pricing and supply.

"Certainly the greater number of Chinese companies involved in trade is very healthy since there is more competition and efficiency," said Eric Christensen, director of Hong Kong and China operations for the East Asiatic Company, a Danish trading firm.

"But some of the new companies are very opportunistic and do not think of the long term," Christensen said. For example, he noted that some Chinese traders in the neighbouring special economic zone of Shenzhen routinely break laws regulating foreign exchange.

The state will try to reassert control by reclaiming power over export licensing through 30 special commissioners' offices nationwide, six times the current number, Liu said. It will also attempt to enforce export quotas through stricter guidance of export-oriented companies and local officials.

"The government needs time to put the house in order before it continues with what is a positive step (trade-system reform)," Christensen said.

But Beijing-based diplomats specialising in economics doubt that the central government can fully retrieve the economic power it has surrendered to provincial and municipal officials.

"The (government) will inevitably be competing with companies and lower-level governments for control over trade now that it's given them a taste for autonomy—that's just one of the built-in dynamics of decentralisation," a Western diplomat said.

"But it will be competing in vain with officials in coastal provinces like Guangdong because those thriving areas don't need the centre's finances or expertise and so are likely to ignore its guidance," he added.

Analysts say that as long as China satisfies its conservative economic planners with a trade surplus, it will continue to emerge as one of the world's leading exporters, merely regulating its trade system rather than reducing foreign commerce.

The Christian Science Monitor

## East German leadership reluctant to let economy change

## Government feels the pinch as world competition grows

EAST BERLIN, Feb. 20. (Reuters): East Germany's ageing leadership seems unwilling to ease its grip on the economy despite a surge of radical reforms in other communist states.

The country may have communism's strongest economy, but economic experts still say it is shackled by outdated industries, an insistence on spending one-fifth of its budget on subsidies and a continued reluctance to borrow.

"The priorities for 1971 are no longer valid in 1989—that's it in a nutshell," said one diplomat based here.

## Pinch

Discussion about economic strategy, little changed since Erich Honecker took power in 1971, is now out in the open but it does not match that heard from more reform-minded allies such as Hungary and the Soviet Union.

East Germany is feeling the pinch as international competition grows and its own outmoded policies falter.

Many people point to shortages and stagnation. "They are treading water," one Western diplomat said of the centrally-planned East German economy. "There is no danger they will sink yet but everything is getting pretty waterlogged."

More and more East Germans are demanding reform or exit papers, giving rise to a sullen mood that has prompted the media to defend present policies and polish the veteran Honecker's image as a paternal, sage-like leader.

He insisted recently: "If one finds that one has embarked on a course that is right, then one should continue along it."

## Autonomy

East Germany fares relatively well with its huge state combines that have some autonomy in the tightly controlled system and its sprinkling of tiny private firms.

Price rises for basics are as yet unknown, inflation is hidden but not drastic. Rather than unemployment there is a labour shortage that has led to foreign workers being engaged.

But beneath the surface the economy is barely growing, foreign trade is static and many plan targets are being missed.

Small private shops are welcomed but high taxes discourage many would-be entrepreneurs.

For East Germans, with an average monthly wage of 1,100 marks (\$398), the picture is one of scarce but shoddy and expensive consumer goods. This is oddly coupled with rent, food and utility prices the same as they were 30 years ago.

A bread roll still sells for five pfennigs (2.7 cents) but a new East German-made family car with a West German engine and a 1960s look costs more than 30,000 marks (\$16,300).

The rolls are usually available on the spot, at least to early risers, but the wait for a car is at least 10 years.

Otto Reinhold, an aide to Honecker, agrees the subsidies policy is problematic and distorts the economy. But the alternative of boosting prices and wages to match would spark an inflationary spiral and leave the lowest-paid worse off.

"Such a path would be socially and politically dangerous," he wrote in the Communist Party daily Neues Deutschland, noting market-oriented prices in countries like Hungary and Poland and not brought greater efficiency or better living standards.

Indeed, these countries' citizens are increasingly coming to East Germany to cash in on lower prices. East Berlin has now imposed tough new export duties

to stem the outflow of goods.

Consistently devoting 50 to 60 billion marks (\$27 to 32 billion) to subsidies has left other areas short in East Germany, particularly capital investment, the experts say.

The longer it goes on, the deeper the trouble the economy is getting itself into," said one.

Too little has been invested too late in emerging industries and immediate prospects for foreign trade are not good.

An East German economist said this week it was getting tougher to export to the West against Third World competition and to sell its goods to more discerning East bloc customers.

## Relies

With few natural resources of its own, East Germany relies heavily on exporting machine tools, high-technology goods and consumer products in return for raw materials.

On foreign credits, diplomats say, East Berlin overstretching itself in the early 1980s and, having cut its debt, is now reluctant to take on large new amounts.

## Gulf Bank weekly market review

## KD firmer against other GCC currencies

## Kuwaiti dinar

BASED on last week opening middle market foreign exchange rates, the KD exchange rate was firmer against the dollar ending the week at 287.20 fils compared with its week before last closing of 288.21 fils.

The KD was lower against the pound sterling, ending the week at 508.94 fils compared with its week before last closing of 503.94 fils.

The KD was easier against the Deutschmark ending the week at 155.79 fils compared with its week before last closing of 154.31 fils. The KD was also easier against the Swiss franc ending the week at 183.63 fils compared with its week before last closing at 181.49 fils.

The KD was also easier against the Jordanian dinar ending the week at 533.82 fils compared with its week before last closing at 531.75 fils. The KD was firmer against other GCC currencies.

The KD money market was relatively tight. KD rates have firmed. Rates for one month were between 8.1/2 - 8.9/16 per cent range compared with 8 - 8.5/16 per cent range the week before last. Rates for other periods were also firmer compared to last week. They were between 8.1/2 - 8.9/16 per cent range for 3-6 months and one year.

Since the Central Bank started implementing the public debt programme on Nov 25, 1987, to finance the budget deficit, it has issued 36 treasury bills issues (totaling KD3.693 billion) and 11 treasury bonds issues (totaling KD687 million). The current outstanding value of the treasury bills amounts to KD850 million and that of the bonds issues amounts to KD544.5 million.

The outstanding of both bills and bonds amounted to KD1.3945 billion which is within the KD1.4 billion ceiling.

Three bills have already been matured this month (issues Nos 26, 27 and 28) while for issues Nos 30, 32, 34 and 35 are to be matured next March. As for issue No. 4 for one year of KD80 million, has already been redeemed on the 4th of this month, while issue No. 8 of KD79.5 million, is expected to be redeemed on March 10, 1989.

## World stocks

Wall Street stock prices after starting the week mildly lower, continuing last week's downside trend, moved higher over the week following the Bundesbank's decision not to raise its Lombard or discount rates and helped by the US December trade report which was in line with expectations, showing the trade deficit at \$11.89 billion in December after a \$12.3 billion deficit in November.

The trade figures helped stocks continue their rebound from the correction that had taken 50 points off the Dow index since the beginning of February.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week at 2282 and closed higher at 2325, recording a gain of 39 points over the previous week's closing of 2286.

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange eased last week amid worries over higher inflation in UK and rising world interest rates. Prices fell further on Friday on the back of a small rise on Wall Street, which came after news of a US December trade deficit in line with market

forecasts. Britain's retail price index rose in January to an annual rate of 7.5 per cent, the highest inflation level in six years.

The figure compared with a year-on-year rise of 6.8 per cent in December.

## US dollar

Although the dollar sentiment has been buoyant in recent weeks as a string of US economic indicators underlined the inflationary threat, the dollar moved lower as a softer tone has crept in over the past week as the likelihood grows that America's major trading partners, faced with their own inflationary problems, will raise interest rates and thus make their currencies more attractive to investors.

Earlier in the week, the dollar fell after rumours of a W. German interest rate increase and subsequent failure to hold support levels soured market sentiment. It fell further following a sharp sell-off after Bundesbank vice-president Schlesinger dampened expectations that W. Germany would raise interest rates.

Late in the week, the dollar rallied initially on news the US trade deficit narrowed by 2.5 per cent to \$11.89 billion in December from \$12.5 billion in November to total a \$137.3 billion deficit in 1988 compared with a \$160.3 billion deficit in 1987, but then gave back its gains on technical selling, to settle below closing levels.

Even with its implications for higher interest rates, the small decline in the trade deficit did not bring with it the momentum to prompt a dollar rally.

The dollar is expected to remain under pressure and trade in a narrow range against major currencies, in the near term due to the upcoming holiday on Monday. The dollar also is undermined by lingering fears that the Bundesbank could spring an interest rate hike this week, though it refrained from doing so last week.

The US currency will likely remain under pressure as the market shifts its focus to the very slow progress being made on the US trade and budget deficit. It is now believed the US trade deficit will probably shrink more slowly in 1989. While this may portend higher interest rates, it also undermines the dollar.

## Japanese yen

The yen opened the week against the dollar at 127.90/95 yen and closed higher at 125.80/90 yen compared to its week before last closing of 128.65/75 yen. The yen's strength was boosted by the Bank of Japan Governor Sumita's remarks that the central bank will act boldly to fight inflation if the need arises. Accordingly, the market bought this as a sign that Japan may push interest rates higher and the yen gained more strength against the dollar.

However, speculation of higher interest rates soon faded.

"We still believe that Japan is unlikely to raise its interest rates despite mounting speculation that the US Federal Reserve and W. German Bundesbank may raise theirs. The main reason is that Japan faces no inflationary pressure. However, if the yen weakens further against the dollar, the Bank of Japan is more likely to intervene in the foreign exchange market rather than push its interest rates higher."

## Deutsche mark

The mark opened the week

against the dollar at 1.8640/45 marks and closed higher at 1.8365/75 marks compared to its week before last closing of 1.8705/15 marks.

The mark's strength for most part of the week stemmed largely from market desire to buy marks against dollars ahead of an expected W. German rate rise. As the wide interest rate differentials that have favoured the dollar are becoming narrow, hence depriving the dollar of its fundamental support.

As indicated in the previous week forecast, the mark did trade strongly against the dollar between 1.86 and 1.83 marks, over the week, furthermore, expecting the mark to keep its strength against the dollar as long as strong remarks by US officials are not seen regarding the possibility of raising US interest rate. The mark next week is expected to firm further against the dollar and trade between 1.83 - 1.85 range.

## Pound sterling

The pound firmed sharply against the dollar closing higher at \$1.7745/55 compared to its previous week's closing of \$1.7425/75 and its opening of \$1.7560/70.

Earlier in the week, the pound firmed with inflationary expectations roused by higher than predicted producer prices data showing the 1.0 per cent rise in January output prices, well above the 0.6 per cent, rise forecast, after the 0.2 per cent December rise. The sharp 1.5 per cent fall in January retail sales showed the strength of demand was slowing.

However, some looked at the sales and wholesale price data together and worried that British companies might be trying to compensate for falling sales by raising their prices. Also December industrial output fell a provisional 1.8 per cent after a revised 0.6 per cent rise in November. It is not yet clear whether the tightening in monetary policy over last summer had hit output as far as fourth quarter data over the next few months are necessary.

The pound is expected to stay well supported by UK interest rates and is likely to trade between \$1.77 and \$1.78.

## French franc

The French franc opened the week against the dollar at 6.3415/45 francs and closed sharply higher at 6.2555/85 francs compared to its week before last closing of 6.3655/85 francs. The French current account was in a year's deficit of 5.1 billion francs. October's deficit was initially announced as 3.98 billion francs. The Bank of France left its intervention rate unchanged at 8.25 per cent on February 16. Earlier speculation of a rate rise subsided after the W. German Bundesbank kept its key official rates unchanged after its council meeting.

## Swiss franc

The Swiss franc opened the week against the dollar at 1.5850/55 francs and closed sharply higher at 1.5595/05 francs compared to its week before last closing of 1.5900/10 francs. The Swiss National Bank is loath to raise interest rates for fear of choking off economic growth, but may have to follow any rises by other central banks to protect the Swiss franc.

## OAU looks for new initiative to tackle Africa's crippling debt

ADDIS ABABA, Feb. 20. (Reuters): African ministers, meeting well ahead of the annual mid-year summit of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), hope to map out a new initiative to tackle the continent's crippling debt.

OAU sources said a group of experts held talks at the weekend to work out proposals for a five-day council of ministers' session which opened in Addis Ababa today.

The main aim of the proposals is to link repayment of Africa's \$230-billion external debt with continued — and increased — flows of credit and aid from the industrialised world, the sources said.

## Progress

The meeting will also consider Namibia's progress towards independence as well as the situation in Southern Africa, a perennial topic at OAU gatherings.

"Debt is the big item," one source said. "We are going to try for an African alternative to be prepared in September in Cairo."

The OAU, which usually holds its annual heads of state summits in June or July, has also scheduled a special conference on debt for September. Industrialised nations having proposed a series of options for African countries, ranging from writing off part of their debt to refinancing debt at concessional

## Santer in Turkey for EEC and economic talks

ANKARA, Feb. 20. (Reuters): Luxembourg Prime Minister Jacques Santer arrived in Turkey today for talks expected to centre on Turkey's bid for full membership of the European Economic Community.

Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal is expected to seek Luxembourg's backing for Turkey's 1987 application for full EEC membership when they meet, officials said.

The two days of official talks would also explore ways of improving bilateral economic co-operation, they added.

## Contacts

"There have been earlier trade and economic contacts between Luxembourg and Turkey... and I am hoping my visit will be a good beginning for improved relations," Santer told reporters on his arrival.

## International School of Pakistan REQUIRES

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## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Feb. 20. (Reuters): Shares closed sharply higher in solid trade thanks to the falling Australian dollar. The All Ordinaries index gained 24.4 points to 1,473.2.

TOKYO: Share prices generally closed lower, backing down from early highs on concern over the recent rise in the market. The Nikkei Index firmed 3.69 points to a record close of 32,177.08.

HONG KONG: Renewed bullish sentiment boosted share prices sharply. The Hang Seng index closed 53.59 points higher at 3,159.84 on turnover of 1.70 billion Hong Kong dollars.

SINGAPORE: The stock market closed on a mixed note after fluctuating narrowly in a day of quiet and cautious trade. The Straits Times industrial index managed a marginal 2.84 point gain to 1,132.77.

BOMBAY: Share prices firmed up on institutional buying after last week's slump. In textiles, Century rose 40 rupees to 1,550.

FRANKFURT: Shares closed slightly firmer after thin, listless trade on the Frankfurt bourse. The Real-Time 30-share Dax index closed at 1,319.91, up 4.82 from the previous close.

ZURICH: Swiss share prices closed quietly steady in low volume. The market continued to be decisive amid interest rate uncertainties. The All-Share Swiss index rose 3.3 points to 980.3.

PARIS: French share prices sank bank in quiet morning trade, as operators stayed on the sidelines on the last day of the February account. The 50-share bourse indicator was 0.01 per cent easier at 1150 GMT.

LONDON: Shares were at their highs of the day in slow afternoon business, helped by UK January sterling M4 bank and building society lending figures earlier. By 1547 GMT, the FTSE 100 share index was up 24.9 points to 2,067.8.

NEW YORK: The stock market was closed for the Presidents' Day holiday.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

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20/2	Jilfar	UASCO	4843150
20/2	Acacia Tree	GH & Q	4347815
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## Dear Junior Readers,

Kuwait will be celebrating its 28th anniversary this year. Many houses, shops and companies have put up pretty lights to justify the presence of a happy occasion.

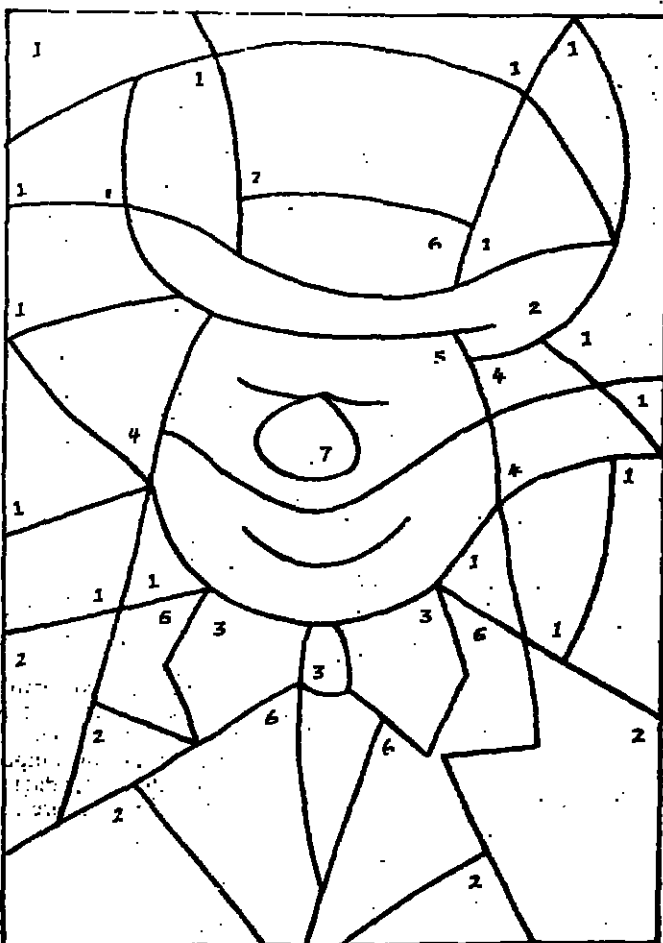
At night Kuwait is practically glowing, why don't you ask your parents to take you for a ride and see it for yourself?

If you are keeping a diary it will be a good idea to describe the beautiful buildings in detail. Don't forget your cameras!

Manal

## Colouring time

FOLLOW THE CODE



1 - Green, 2 - Blue, 3 - Yellow, 4 - Orange, 5 - Pink, 6 - Black, 7 - Red.

## Word search

## ZOO TIME

FEEDING TIME	GLASS	PACING CATS
FOODS	GUIDED TOURS	PUMA
REPTILE	HEATED	ROADS
HOUSES	HIDE	SAFARI PARK
INFORMATION	HYDRO	SEALS
LATIN NAMES	LEOPARDS	SHARP TEETH
LIGHTING	MONKEY HOUSE	SHOW
VENTILATION	MOOSE	SHARKS
VIVARIUM	MOSES	TIGER
WALKS	OPEN-AIR ZOO	VENTILATION
ZOOKEEPER	OTTERS	ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS

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Types of monkey (11 letters)

Crossword solution from Thursday

Across: 1. Disasters; 7. Air; 8. Stomach; 9. Tail; 10. Silent; 14. Ice-cream; 17. Wig; 19. Impulse; 21. Post; 22. Refreshes.  
Down: 1. Diner; 2. Staff; 3. Elm; 4. Tyres; 5. Raft; 6. Sling; 11. Eyes; 12. Hears; 13. Swiper; 15. Cliff; 16. Mole; 18. Gear; 20. Pie.

## Miss Waddle-Toes

ONCE upon a time there was a little girl called Anna. She was a dear, pretty little girl — except when she walked! And dear she, when she walked, how she turned in her toes!

"I shall call you Miss Waddle-Toes," said Mother. "You walk like a duck, Anna. It looks dreadful. Do turn your feet out, not in!"

But Anna wouldn't bother to remember to turn out her toes properly. She turned them in as much as ever, and only laughed when Mother called her Miss Waddle-Toes.

Now one day Anna had a great surprise. She found a tiny fairy caught in a spider's web, crying loudly for help. The little girl tore the web, frightened away the big spider there, and set the small fairy on the ground.

"You are very kind," said the fairy gratefully. "What can I do for you in return?"

Anna was excited. "Please," she said, "I have always wanted to go to a fairy party. Do you think I could?"

"Yes," said the fairy at once. "There is a dance to-night under the big oak-tree in the wood over there. But it's a fancy dress."

"Oh dear!" said Anna. "I haven't a fancy dress. I'm afraid."

"Well, come anyhow," said the fairy. "We can dress you up somehow, I expect!"

So Anna ran home, feeling so excited that Mother really could not think what was the matter with her!

That night, when the moon rose high in the

starry sky, Anna slipped out of bed and ran to the window. Yes — it must be time to go to the party, because she could see tiny lights gleaming here and there in the wood. Oh, what fun!

The little girl slipped on her dressing-gown, ran downstairs, let herself quietly out of the garden door, and went down the garden. She slipped through the gate that led into the field, and ran over to the wood.

The party had begun! The wood was lighted with tiny lanterns, and hundreds of pixies, elves, brownies, and gnomes were there, all in fancy dress, talking in high twittering voices, and dancing round and round with each other.

"Hallo!" cried a voice, and a gnome danced up to her. "Here comes Miss Waddle-Toes, with her toes turned in as usual! Have you come to the party?"

"Yes," said Anna. "The fairy I saved from a spider-to-day said I could come."

"Well, you must have a fancy dress," said the gnome, "and you must be able to dance with us. Wait till I get my wand, then I'll give you some kind of fancy dress."

He ran off and fetched a tiny silver wand with a glittering star on the end. He looked at Anna.

"I don't know what sort of fancy dress will come when I touch you with my wand," he said. "You don't mind, do you?"

"Not at all," said Anna, hoping very much she

would have a fairy's dress or perhaps a brownie's suit. "I should like something with wings, though."

"Right!" said the gnome. He waved his wand, said a word three times — a very magic one — and touched Anna lightly on the hair, crying, "Change, Miss Waddle-Toes, change! Wear your fancy dress till daybreak!"

Anna felt something funny happening to herself. She was certainly changing. She looked down at herself — and what a dreadful shock she got!

What do you suppose she had changed into? Why, a large yellow duckling with a pair of little flappy wings!

"Quack!" cried Anna in dismay. "Quack!"

"Goodness! She's changed into a duck!" shouted the gnome — and a lot more of the little folk came running up. "Look at that!"

"Well, she shouldn't turn her feet in!" said an elf wisely. "She might have known she'd wear a duck's dress for fancy dress, if she waddled about like one! I've often seen her turning in her toes — dreadful! Never mind, Anna! You are small enough to join us and enjoy the party now."

"Quack, quack, quack!" said poor Anna, who felt she would not enjoy the party at all! She could only quack, not talk, and she waddled along turning in her toes all the time, and couldn't dance a bit! She couldn't even fly, for her wings were really much too small. It was all most disappointing!

"Not at all," said Anna, hoping very much she



"QUACK!" CRIED ANNA IN DISMAY. "QUACK!"

"How I wish I had never turned my feet in!" she thought to herself, as she tried to dance with a small fairy in butterfly's dress. "Oh dear — my feet are so big that I keep tramping on this dear little fairy's toes!"

She tried to say she was sorry, but all she could say was "Quack, quack, quack!"

However, the fairy understood. "Don't mention it," she said politely, and on they danced.

The party would have been simply lovely, but Anna couldn't even eat or

drink, because she didn't know how to manage her big beak! It seemed to get in the way so! In fact, it got in her way just as much as her feet did!

"This is a horrid party after all," thought the disappointed little girl. "I can't dance properly — I can't fly — I can't eat this lovely jelly — I can't drink that lovely pink lemonade — and I've never had pink lemonade before! I wish I'd never come!"

She sat down on the grass and watched the others dancing. It was a pretty

sight — but Anna was sad. She hated being a duckling. It was horrid to waddle about in a clumsy manner when everyone else was dancing so lightly on tip-toe.

"I'll never turn my toes in again, that's certain!" thought Anna. "I didn't know how clumsy it was still I wore this duck fancy dress and was turned into a duck. I won't be so silly again."

When dawn came the fairy folk fled — and Anna was left sitting on the grass alone. She was upset. Suppose she stayed a duckling! Whatever would Mother say?

She waddled back home and walked up the stairs. She did not dare to call Mother, because she knew she would quack. She got into bed, pulled up the clothes with two little arm-wings, and then fell asleep.

And in the morning she was herself again! Yes, really — she had her own feet and arms and everything — she was a little girl and not a duckling. How glad she was!

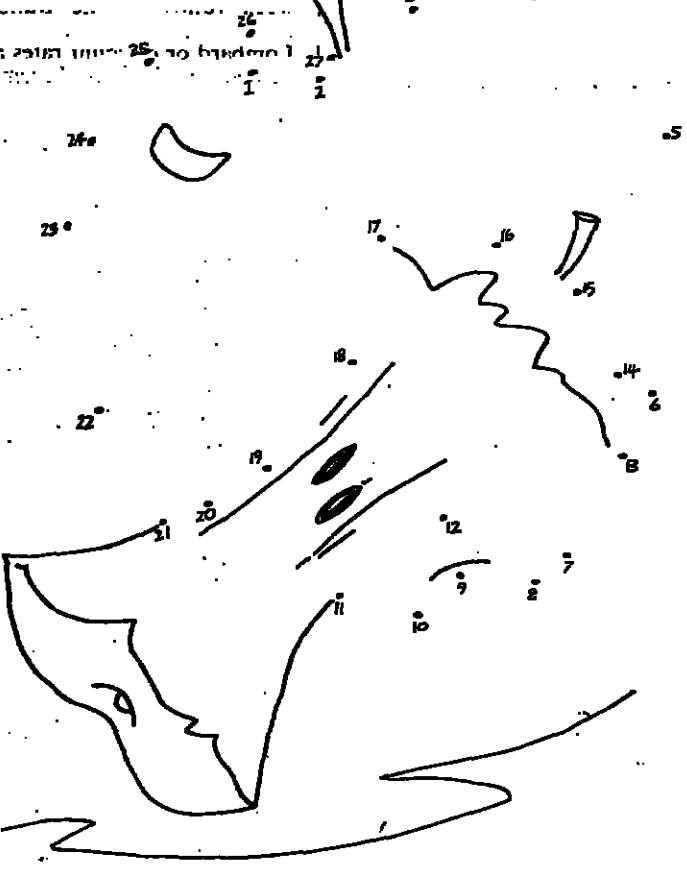
She jumped out of bed and dressed. Then she ran to tell Mother her adventure, and dear me — how nicely she turned her toes out as she ran! No more Miss Waddle-Toes for her!

Mother was sorry she had had such a horrid time at the party. "Never mind," she said, "perhaps next time it will be nicer — especially if you remember not to walk like a duck any more, Anna! Try hard and see if you can walk like a pixie does!"

Anna is trying hard — and if you know any little Miss Waddle-Toes just tell them what happened to Anna. They will soon stop turning in their toes, won't they!

## Join the dots

One left...



## Amazing facts

John Bunyan wrote most of A Pilgrim's Progress whilst serving a six-month prison sentence in Bedford Jail.

An anagram of 'funeral' is 'real fun.'

Between 1930 and 1934 there were no speed limits on British roads.

The honeycomb made by bees is hexagonal in shape because that allows the maximum space using the least amount of wax.

The highest motor road in Europe is that leading to the peak of Picacho de Veleta, Spain. It reaches an altitude of 11,450 feet.

## Easy cooking

CAKES and sweets are not only fun to make but fun to eat afterwards as well. The quickest cakes I know are the kind that are made with cornflakes or almost any kind of breakfast cereal.

## Chocolate cookies

For these you'll need 200g of chocolate, a small piece of butter (just a knob) and some cereal. Break the chocolate up, put it in a small basin with the butter, then stand that in a saucepan with enough water in it to come halfway up the side, and heat it. The chocolate in the basin will slowly melt — but keep an eye on it because if the water boils over the top into the chocolate, then your cakes will be ruined.

Once the chocolate is nice and liquid, take the basin out of the saucepan, pick up a handful of cornflakes and stir them quickly in, add more cornflakes, stirring all the time, until the chocolate won't take any more. All you have to do then is to spoon dollops of the mixture into patty tins or on to a plate and leave them somewhere cool to set (a refrigerator is the best place).

You don't have to stick at just chocolate, you can make toffee cookies in just the same way.

## Coconut ice

This is easy to do, and much cheaper than if you buy it in the shops. If you have some interesting cake colourings in the larder, you can turn it all sorts of lurid shades too — I once saw some blue coconut ice made that way. You need 200g of desiccated coconut, 400g of icing sugar and a tin of condensed milk. Sieve the icing sugar you always have to do that before using it, as it very easily goes into lumps — then mix it together in a large bowl with the desiccated coconut (I say large bowl, because icing sugar tends to fly around in a kind of mist when you stir it).

Now add the condensed milk, little by little, working it well into the sugar and the coconut, and add the colouring, too, at this stage if you are using any. Keeping adding the milk and pounding the mixture until it is a stiff ball in the bottom of the basin (you'll probably find you need about 5 or 6 tablespoonfuls of milk in all). Now turn your coconut ice on to a plain hard surface — glass, plastic or marble are fine, wood is not so good as the mixture seems to cling to it. Roll it out into a slab with a rolling pin or an empty, clean milk bottle and trim the edges (what do you do with the trimmings? eat them, of course!). Dust it with icing sugar, by shaking the empty packet over it (there's always some left inside). Then leave it somewhere cool for an hour or two to set.

## Collection corner

## Old photographs

SOME old pictures taken by famous photographers are now very valuable. It is unlikely that your family photographs will be worth much, but they can be interesting. Even pictures taken ten years ago show changes in scenery and clothes which can make a useful record if you continue to keep photographs over the years.

See if your parents have photographs taken when they were young, and even if they have earlier pictures of the family. Remember that two or three generations of a family can extend well over a hundred years and think of the changes which will have taken place. You will be able to see what sort of clothes your great-grandparents wore, the toys they played with, their animals, and the rooms they lived in. Most early pictures were taken in photographic studios, and mounted on stiff cards, and you will find that the

designs on the backs of the cards also make an attractive collection. Ask your parents or an old relation to name the people in the pictures as identities are quickly forgotten.

If you are lucky, you can find an album for your pictures so they are not damaged. Sometimes there are pretty double frames for them, or small pressed metal frames which were put on to the picture by the photographer. Early pictures were on fine metal instead of paper and were protected by thin tin frames and sometimes these are mixed up with old brooches and buttons in junk boxes.



Photographs may be protected by attractive gilt frames.



Family photographs show the clothes our parents and grandparents used to wear

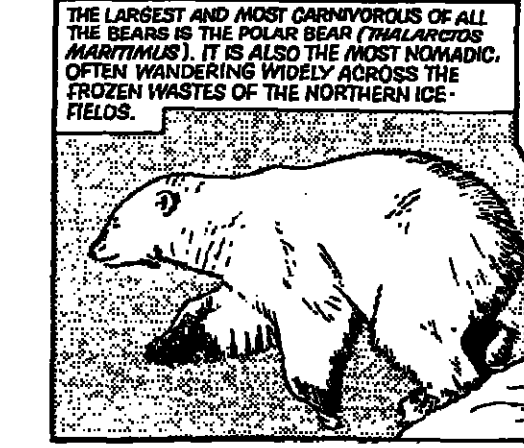
## Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

THE FIRST AMERICAN BORN GOLDER TO WIN THE BRITISH OPEN WAS WALTER CHARLES HAGEN (1892-1969) WHO TOOK THE TITLE IN 1922. HE WAS ALSO THE FIRST AMERICAN TO WIN THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN TITLES.

JAN WOODS (1945-1998) WON A EUROPEAN RECORD \$253,717.10 IN EUROPEAN ORDER OF MERIT TOURNAMENTS IN 1987, WHEN IN ALL EVENTS WORLD-WIDE HE WON \$1,042,662.76. THIS INCLUDED THE GREATEST FIRST PLACE PRIZE MONEY EVER WON BY AN INDIVIDUAL, \$1,000,000 ON 6 DEC 1987, AT SUN CITY, BOPHUTHATSWANA, SOUTH AFRICA.



THE LOWEST RECORDED SCORE FOR THROWING A GOLF BALL ROUND 18 HOLES (OVER 6000 YD, 5500 M) IS 82 BY 21 YEAR OLD JOE LYNN (USA), AT THE 6228 YD (5654 M) PORT ROYAL COURSE, BERNICIA ON 27 MARCH 1975.



THE LARGEST AND MOST CARNIVOROUS OF ALL THE BEARS IS THE POLAR BEAR (TRILARCTOS MARITIMUS). IT IS ALSO THE MOST NOMADIC, OFTEN WANDERING WIDELY ACROSS THE FROZEN WASTES OF THE NORTHERN ICE-FIELDS.

THE LONGEST HIBERNATION PERIOD OF ANY MAMMAL IS THAT OF THE BARROW GROUND SQUIRREL (SPERMOPHILUS PARVUS BARROWENSIS) OF POINT BARROW, ALASKA, USA, WHICH HIBERNATES FOR NINE MONTHS OF THE YEAR. DURING THE REMAINING THREE MONTHS IT FEEDS, BREEDS AND COLLECTS FOOD FOR STORAGE IN ITS BLIDROW.



Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON



# ARAB TIMES Classifieds

## ACCOMMODATION

### For Rent

ROOMS available in Qadisiya, Block 4, Road 42, House 14, near the Day & Night Co-operative Society. Contact Mr Abdul Rahman personally.

(AT4-46141-3)

QURTUBA, villa: CAC, Ground Floor with 2 lounges, living room, kitchen and 1 bathroom. First Floor, main bedroom with bathroom, also 2 other rooms including outside building and tele. Call owner, 5390009.

(AT4-46130-3)

### Available

INDIAN family requires a decent bachelor to share one furnished room in a CAC, 3 bedroom flat with telephone and two toilets at best location in Abbasiya. Interested persons please contact Mr. Suresh on Tel. 4337608, between 1-3 pm, or after 8 pm.

SALWA, House 196, Block 7, big room, with water, electricity and kitchen facilities, for a family/working girls, to share with an Indian family. Bus routes 34, 102, 502. Rent KD50. Tele. 5611243.

(AT4-46143-6)

KUWAIT City, opp. GPO, independent room for a single Indian, Christian person (non-smoker). Rent, sharing KD35. KD60 full room. Tele. 2640450, 9am-12 noon only.

(AT4-AJ-TM-2)

KEIFAN, Block 1, Street 16, House 34, behind petrol station. Rooms available for families. Contact Mr. Soleman personally.

(AT2-46118-3)

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(AT4-46140-3)

KUWAIT City, one room for working girls, bachelor or a couple, should be Filipino. Tele. Precy, 2401315 ext 25, 9.30 am-1 pm.

(AT4-46148-3)

ROOM available for Indian couples or ladies in Kaifan, opp. Jamaia No.1, Area No.3, Street No.31, House No.6. Contact Mr. Sultan Mohammad personally, (10 am - 10 pm).

(AT2-46126-3)

## FOR SALE

### Miscellaneous

EUROPEAN furniture for sale, dining table and 4 chairs, bedroom cabinets and gas cooker, curtains and various other items. Tele. 5393717, after 3 pm.

(AT3-46121-2)

ACCORDION 120 bass, violin 4/4 hand made, juno Alfa Roland synthesizer, trumpet, bass silver, made in USA, microphone, rhythm composer TR-505 and fox overcoat. Tele. 5728000 ext 146, 9 am - 1 pm, 4-6 pm.

(AT3-46125-3)

DINING table with six chairs, and side board, one wall cabinet, one tent for picnic. Tele. Mr. Inas, 3923214, 9 am - 9 pm.

(AT4-46131-2)

LARGE two and half bedroom apartment, off Salmiya high street for rent. KD200. Also household furniture and miscellaneous items for sale. Tele. 5744025 after 2.30 pm.

(AT2-46122-3)

SWEDISH sofa set 3+2+1, 3 pc. American coffee tables, study desk, Swedish bunk bed, lamp shades, children's toys, clothes, and miscellaneous household items, at Muthanna Complex. Tele. 2426370, 9 am - 2 pm, 4.30 pm onwards.

(AT4-46144-3)

FULLY equipped bar with fridge, glasses etc. for sale. Tele. 5621396, 4837158.

(AT4-46150-2)

## Cars

TOYOTA Corona, 74 model, automatic, with AC, radio tape, insured upto June 1989 in good condition. KD200. Tele. 2428555, 8.30 - 9.30 am, 4-6 pm.

(AT3-ESS-TM-3)

NISSAN Liberty, 1984, automatic, 60,000 kms, red, insured up to Sept 1989, with AC and 4 doors. KD1,000 - KD 49 by instalments for 24 months. Tele. 5385094.

(AT4-46131-3)

JAGUAR V 12, 78 model, silver metallic with red leather interior, in perfect condition. Tele. Mr. Niels, 4842096.

(AT4-46145-2)

VOLVO 760 GLE, 1983, grey, automatic, with full options, in excellent condition. KD1,700, cash. Tele. 5748024.

(AT4-46114-3)

MITSUBISHI Pajero, (Jeep) 1989 model, fully automatic, dark blue, with 4 cylinders, in good condition. KD4,800, tele. 4760518.

(AT4-46142-3)

RENAULT-9, 1986 model, automatic, AC, light blue, 43,000 kms, lady driven since new, in mint condition. KD1,100, cash. Tele. 4736585, 4740985, 8 am - 1 pm, 4-8 pm, 5737031 after 8 pm.

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## LOST

PASSPORT No.372385 in the name of Marilou Rafanah, Filipino. Finder please tele. 4893236, 2638624, or 4846000 ext. 2263 Dr. Ayesh Razi, Orthopaedic Hospital, Ward No. 6.

(AT4-46138-3)

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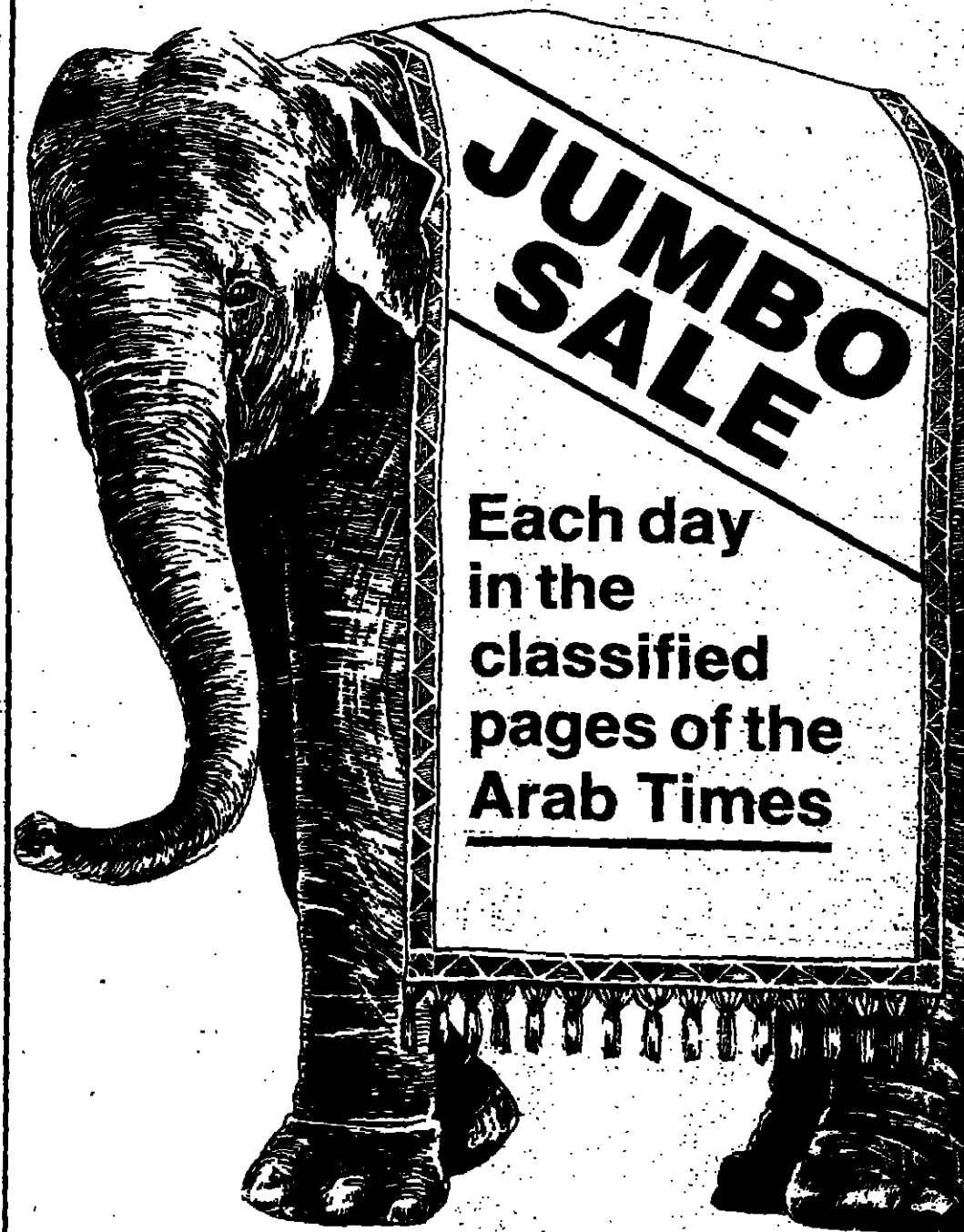
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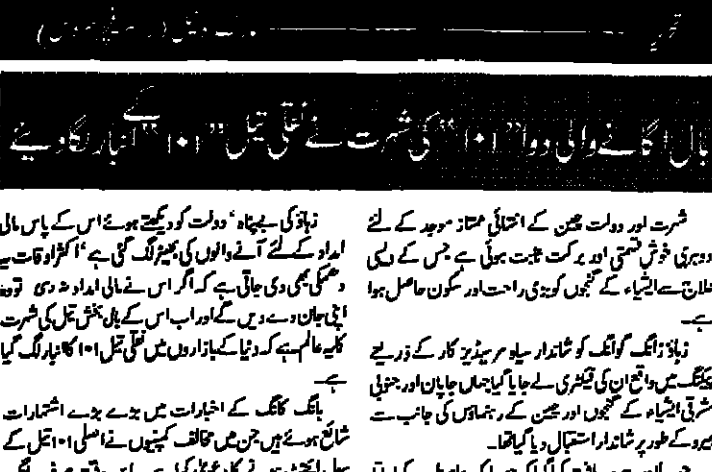
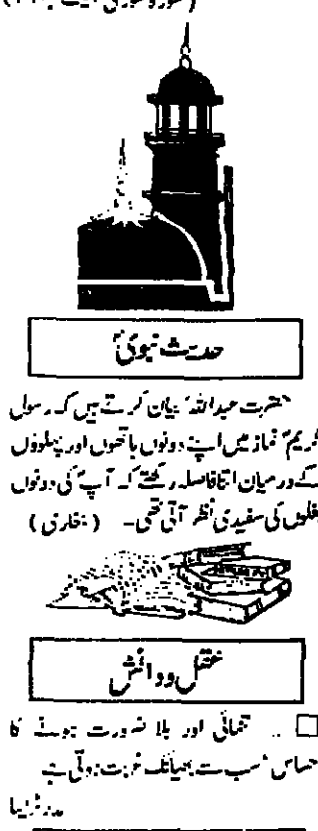


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## Waltrip takes top spot in Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, Feb. 20. (UPI): Darrell Waltrip, who suffered heartbreaking losses at Daytona International Speedway twice last year, drove the final 53 laps without a pit stop yesterday to break his 17-year winless streak at the track with his first Daytona 500 triumph.

Waltrip, driving the Tide Chevrolet, was back in the pack in sixth position behind front-running Ken Schrader and Dale Earnhardt with 20 laps remaining in the 200-lap race, but worked his way up in the field as the cars in front of him dove into the pits for fuel. Waltrip, 42, is a three-time Winston Cup champion and winner of 74 career races, but hadn't won a Winston Cup race on the 2.5-mile tri-oval.

Schrader, the pole-sitter and a teammate of Waltrip's in Rick Hendrick's driving stable, finished second in a Chevrolet, followed by Earnhardt, Geoff Bodine, Rick Mast, Kulwicki, Rick Wilson and Terry Labonte.

**Dropped**

Waltrip dominated both races at Daytona last year, but engine trouble late in the 500 dropped him out of the lead, and he also fell back after running most of the firecracker 400 up front. He earned \$184,400 for winning the 31st running of stock-car racing's biggest event, and averaged 148.466 mph.

The margin of victory was 7.64 seconds, and there were 30 lead changes among 15 drivers.

When a caution period ended with 50 laps left, Mast led the race, followed by Earnhardt, Schrader, Parsons, Geoff Bodine, Kulwicki, and Waltrip. Five laps later, Earnhardt passed Mast to move into the lead in turn two, but Schrader then moved by Earnhardt in turn three to take the lead.

Schrader, Earnhardt and Mast formed a three-car draft and began to open up an advantage on the rest of the field, and with 31 laps remaining, they were 7.5 seconds ahead of the second pack of cars.

Mast, a rookie driving in his third Winston Cup race, got hung up behind a slower car with 25 laps remaining and allowed Schrader and Earnhardt to pull away. They opened up a 3.4-second lead on Mast with 20 laps left, and it appeared the race would go to either Schrader or Earnhardt.

Both cars came in for fuel with 10 laps left, and Earnhardt's crew got him out in 4 seconds compared to a 6.2-second stop for Schrader, who also had trouble getting up to speed. The pit stops left Kulwicki and Waltrip at the front of the field, but Kulwicki ran out of fuel on lap 197, giving the lead to Waltrip.

Schrader got by Earnhardt with five laps left, but neither he nor Earnhardt counted on Waltrip being able to go 132.5 miles with a fuel stop.

**Slammed**

Jody Ridley's ride in Bill Elliott's Ford Thunderbird came to a sudden end when he slammed into the wall coming out of turn two on lap 73. Ridley had replaced Elliott, the defending Winston Cup champion, in the car when the first caution flag came out after five laps.

Elliott, who will wear a cast for three weeks, broke his wrist in a practice accident and started in the car in order to get driver points.

Ridley's accident touched off a series of spins that eventually involved 10 cars, including Dale Jarrett, Terry Labonte, Brett Bodine, Lake Speed, Mark Martin and Rodney Combs.

## SHELL XI DECLARE 86 RUNS BEHIND

# Pakistan openers force pace

NAPIER, New Zealand, Feb. 20. (Reuters): A brisk stand of 57 by Pakistan openers Mudassar Nazar and Rizwan-uz-Zaman late on the second day kept alive the chance of a definite result after four batting by a Shell XI today.

Mudassar (32 not out) and Rizwan (23 not out) scored at a run a minute to take Pakistan to 57 without loss in their second innings at the close — 143 ahead overall after the Shell side declared their first innings 86 behind at 196 for five.

The three-day match ends tomorrow.

### Stand

The Shell innings was painstakingly slow, relieved only by an unfinished sixth wicket stand of 80 between Tony Blair (79 not out) and captain Chris Kagglein (32 not out). They scored slowly at first but a series of



**Tony Blair**  
boundaries boosted their rate to a run a minute before the declaration. Blair batted for 189 minutes and faced 157 balls, hitting 12 fours.



**Mudassar Nazar**  
XI a useful base with a stand of 53, but their effort was undone when four wickets fell in 31 balls, leaving the local team on 61 for four.

Opener Peter Dobbs (22) and David White (29) gave the Shell

Medium-pace Mudassar and fast-medium Aaqib Javed did the damage with two wickets apiece.

### Scoreboard

PAKISTAN first innings 282 for nine (overnight) declared (Imran Khan 104, Aamer Malik 81, Shoaib Mohammad 56 G. Robertson five for 46).

**SHELL XI first innings**  
P. Dobbs c Yusuf b Aaqib ..... 22  
D. White b Mudassar ..... 29  
G. Robertson b Kagglein ..... 26  
R. Latham c Yusuf b Aaqib ..... 0  
B. Young lbw b Mudassar ..... 7  
T. Blair not out ..... 79  
C. Kagglein not out ..... 32  
Extras (b-3 nb-4) ..... 196  
Total (for five declared) ..... 196  
Fall of wickets: 1-53 2-55 3-60 4-61 5-116

Bowling: Imran 17-7-49-0, Jaffer 13-3-39-0, Aaqib 13-4-21-2 (nb-3), Mudassar 14-3-55-2 (nb-1), Qadir 17-8-29-1.

### PAKISTAN second innings

Mudassar Nazar not out ..... 32  
Rizwan-uz-Zaman not out ..... 23  
Extras (nb-2) ..... 2  
Total (for no wicket) ..... 57  
Bowling to date: Beyer 5-1-27-0, Robertson 5-0-25-0 (nb-1), Brown 3-1-5-0 (nb-1), Priest 1-1-0-0.

## Kuwait outclass Dubai

WITH two late withdrawals from among Kuwait (KMMC) Nomads talented back division, it appeared as if the visit of Dubai Exiles would become a major obstacle in the Nomads search to retain the Gulf Merit Table Championship. However, a spirited performance from the pack and more than satisfactory play by the threequarters ensured that Kuwait continued their unbeaten season.

The authority of the Kuwait forwards was the telling factor in a keenly contested encounter. Well won rug ball, quickly passed to the wing saw Dave Bullis dive in to score the first Kuwait try. From yet more second phase possession Hall passed on to Hill who drove through the fringe defence and over for Kuwait's next score. This try was ably converted by Adams and gave Kuwait a 10-0 lead.

Dubai did well in the scrums, with scrum half John Wright keeping the ball in front of his forwards with some excellent

kicks. The lineouts saw a Kuwait dominance where Evans had an excellent game against Dubai's mobile lighthouse, Mike Burke, who at six foot eight inches tall is no small opponent.

The Nomads were at times guilty of over elaboration, but it was pleasing to see some straight running from debutant Dave Ball. Dubai did manage to cut Kuwait's lead with a well taken drop goal.

### Excellent

The second half saw Kuwait forwards taking the ball on in the hands. However, good tackling by Dubai managed to keep Kuwait at bay. In the scrums veteran Dubai Hooker Spedding had an excellent game, which did much to nullify the immense drive of Quinn and Evans in the second row. This pressure finally told with Bullis able to collect a well taken second try.

Dubai never gave up and their spirits were lifted when recent convert Mason high-dived over for a try. This score seemed to

spur Kuwait on and successive drives at the Dubai line were only halted by the conceding of penalties. Two of these were sweetly struck over by Adams.

In the final minute, a well fielded kick by Bullis was supported by Shipley who rounded off an excellent game at full-back by driving through the Dubai pack and over for a try. A late Dubai penalty meant Kuwait had secured a 24-10 points victory.

With three matches of the season left, Kuwait now head the Gulf Merit Table. However, their toughest tests in Bahrain and Muscat await them over the next two weeks.

It would seem though, that the intense preparation and commitment to training by the Kuwait (KMMC) Nomads players is now beginning to pay dividends. The Bahrain team will certainly have to better their recent performances if they are to contain the might of the Kuwait eight and the speed of Kuwait's threequarters.

## Andries and Willis to fight for vacant title

TUCSON, Arizona, Feb. 20. (Reuters): Britain's former World Boxing Council (WBC) light-heavyweight champion Dennis Andries attempts to regain the vacant crown tomorrow while admitting his eye is also on the prospect of a lucrative future title fight.

Andries, who faces unbeaten Tony Willis of the United States, won the championship in a 12-round decision over American J.B. Williamson in April 1986, and lost it when he was stopped in 10 rounds by Thomas Hearns a year later.

### Expected

Although Willis stands between him and the crown, Andries confesses he may be looking ahead. The winner is expected to meet Canadian Donny Lalonde in a big-pay title bout within 90 days.

Lalonde lost the WBC light-heavyweight championship to Sugar Ray Leonard last November. Leonard then gave up the title for a chance to fight Hearns for the super-middleweight crown.

"I know what's ahead," Andries, who has a 33-5-2 record, said. "I'm concentrating on both fights right now. But I have to get past Willis before I get to Lalonde."

"This fight is just as big as when I won the title the first time," Andries said. "For that reason, it means a lot to me."

Willis, winner of all 16 of his fights, is the current North American Boxing Federation and United States Boxing Association light-heavyweight champion.

"This is the biggest challenge of all," Willis said. "I'm not going to look past this one, but I think about Donny Lalonde."

Andries has stopped 20 opponents within the distance, but Willis insists he has the edge. "I'm the strongest, I'm more determined," Willis said.

Andries answered: "The only way to prove it is to glove it up and get in the ring."

"I don't know who the underdog or the favourite is in this fight," Andries said. "And I don't care. I've been both plenty of times. I'm just looking forward to this fight."

## Stenmark ends two-year drought

ASPEN, Colorado, Feb. 20. (AP): Sweden's incomparable Ingemar Stenmark ended a two-year victory drought on the eve of his retirement, overtaking Marc Girardelli to win a men's World Cup giant slalom yesterday.

In his final race in North America as he caps an illustrious 16-year career, the 32-year-old Stenmark found new life in his admittedly old legs.

### Closest

Thanks to a blistering second run, Stenmark raised his World Cup victory total to 86 — a record that is considered unsailable. By contrast, Girardelli is closest to Stenmark in career race victories for a male skier, with 27.

Trailing Girardelli by 21-hundredths of a second after the first run, Stenmark was 33-hundredths faster than the Luxembourg star on the second run.

Stenmark, who will retire after races in Japan next month, had an aggregate time of two minutes, 16.40 seconds.

Girardelli, further lengthening his lead in the World Cup overall standings, was second in 2:16.32. Lars-Eriksson of Sweden, who won Saturday's super giant slalom here, was third in 2:17.67.

## Dhammika's 62 fails to stop Hubara

HUBARA sneaked home on Friday afternoon with a 3-run victory over Lanka Lions by a mere 3 runs in their GCL 'A' League match at the EPI ground. Hubara won the previous encounter a fortnight earlier in similar fashion by the slightly higher margin of 9 runs.

Once more, it was Dhammika who gave the Lions the hope of victory, but a target of 13 runs off the last over, bowled by Neil Jacob, proved just too much.

Winning the toss, Hubara elected to bat first. Clive Greenwood (22) and David Talbot (37) put on 47 off 10 overs for the first wicket, until the former lobbed a simple return catch to spinner Chula. Nick Elphinstone opened his account with two boundaries off Chula and the Hubara score mounted steadily until Talbot top-edged a full-toss from Sam and was caught.

With J.B. Patel (23) and Elphinstone (47) scoring freely, Hubara reached a healthy 156 for 5 off their allotted 30 overs, Chula finishing with 3 for 40.

### Bowled

Nihal opened the Lanka Lions innings with three well-struck boundaries off Dr Rao's first three deliveries. However, Rao (6-1-28-2) then bowled with teasing accuracy and with Talbot (6-1-15-2) finding his line and length immediately from the other end, Lions struggled for runs.

Wickets fell steadily, bringing in the tall Dhammika — who should perhaps bat higher in the order — at 33 for 4. Stroking the ball elegantly round the field and running well between the wickets, he kept Lions in the game, even though no other batsman managed a substantial innings.

Chula (15) and Priyankara (12) worried Hubara towards the end, but steady spells by Mike D'Souza (6-0-25-2) and the ever-green all-rounder J.B. Patel (5-1-25-2) kept the run-rate under control, restricting Lions to 153 for 9 off their 30 overs.

Having scored 40 in the previous fixture against Hubara, the indefatigable Dhammika finished this time on 62 not out, with three boundaries.

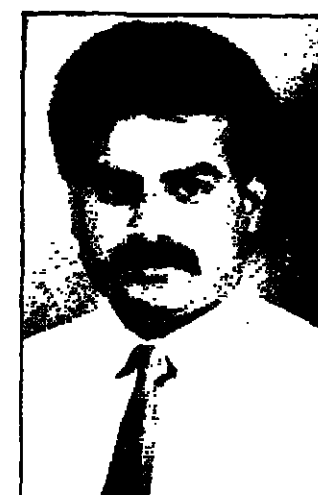
### Piquet injured

VIAREGGIO, Italy, Feb. 20. (Reuters): Formula One driver Nelson Piquet was in hospital with a broken rib yesterday after he slipped off a ladder on his luxury yacht.

## LOCAL CRICKET



Sajjad



Zahid

## Zahid and Sajjad set first-wicket record

FALCON'S skipper Zahid Butt and his opening partner Sajjad found the Flying Arrows bowlers to their liking and put on 382 runs for the first wicket at the EPI ground on Friday.

This is a new record for the first-wicket partnership in Kuwait and it also helped Falcon thrash Flying Arrows by 173 runs.

Zahid Butt was in tremendous form and hit a six and 20 fours on his way to an unbeaten 158. At the other end, Sajjad also took the Flying Arrows bowlers to task. He slammed nine fours in his unbeaten 109.

All the Arrows bowlers came in for some rough treatment and were unable to stop Zahid and Sajjad from taking Falcon to 282 in the 30 allotted overs.

Veteran Ghulam Haider, who had his batting pads on for the entire 30 overs, finally got a chance to see some action when Falcon fielded.

Haider took four wickets for 23 runs to put the pressure on Flying Arrows, who were finally all out for 109. Tarique

Anjum and Ejaz took two wickets each while Khalid Najmi collected one.

Flying Arrows have a chance to take revenge for this humiliating defeat when both the teams meet again on Friday in the final of the Shabbir Memorial Trophy at the same ground.

The match starts at 9.00 am and will be organised by the Gulf Cricket League with Bhasin & Company as sponsors. The prizes will be given away by Shiva Bhasin, Tezeeb-ul-Hassan and Manzoor Hussain will officiate the match.

### The squads will be from:

Falcon: Zahid Butt (captain) Khalid Najmi, Ghulam Haider, Zahid Usman, Ijaz Ahmed, Ayub, Ijaz Mohammed, Sajjad, A. Rauf, Sher Afzal, Nawaz Khan, Gul Khan, Tariq Anjum and Amin Butt.

Flying Arrows: Mukesh (captain), Vijay, Francis, Verold, Albert, Ashok, Saleem, Javed, Alex, Neville, John, Imdad Ali, Unni and Milland.

## Twiggs fights back to win golf Open

LA JOLLA, Calif., Feb. 20. (Reuters): Local favourite Greg Twiggs won more money yesterday than in the last four years combined with a come from behind victory at the \$700,000 San Diego Open golf tournament.

Twiggs shot a final round three-under par 69 to come from two strokes off the pace and collect the \$126,000 winner's check with a 17-under par 271 total.

"I tried not to think about anything today," said Twiggs, in his first year on the US PGA Tour after claiming the 52nd and last available spot on the tour in last year's qualifying tournament.

"It's scary to think that I was in the position I had always dreamed of and to just enjoy myself," he said.

Third round leader Steve Elkington of Australia, Mark Wiebe, Mark O'Meara and Brad Faxon finished in a four-way tie for second place at 15-under 273.

### Lead

Twiggs began the day two shots in back of Elkington, but took the lead on the fifth hole when the Australian made his second of three consecutive bogeys.

His main competition from that point came from Wiebe who trailed by only one shot through 13 holes. On the par-four 14th, Wiebe carded a bogey five and Twiggs dropped an eight-foot birdie putt to extend his lead to three shots.

Wiebe missed a crucial 18-inch birdie putt on the 15th hole that would have narrowed the gap to two. Twiggs then three-putted the 16th hole for a bogey, but instead of a mere one shot lead going into the final two holes, he had a comfortable two shot margin which he held.

Wiebe shot a final round of 70, while Elkington, who was seeking his first win as well, carded a one-over-par 73.

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## Mafe leads Britain to record medal haul

THE HAGUE, Feb. 20. (Reuters): Ade Mafe put three years of trials and tribulations behind him yesterday when he raced to victory for Britain in the men's 200 metres at the European Indoor Athletics Championships.

"Fairytales come true," Mafe said soon after crossing the line for his most satisfying achievement since qualifying for the 1984 Olympic final at the age of 17.

Personal, financial and sporting disappointments have dogged Mafe since he was injured at the 1986 Madrid European indoor championships.

"In the last three years everything seems to have gone wrong," Mafe said. "The future looked bleak and at times I thought I would never be in this position again."

### Premier

Ironically, his triumph came partially at the expense of the man who has taken over as Britain's premier sprinter, Olympic 100 metres silver medalist Linford Christie.

Christie, confidently anticipating the first ever 60-200 metres double at the championships, withdrew on Saturday after injuring his left foot in training the previous day.

Mafe's gold was one of four won in a magnificent display by the British team who took full

advantage of the comparatively weak teams fielded by the other major European nations.

The British also grabbed four silver medals in yesterday's final session for a total of nine, easily their best haul ever.

If Dalton Grant had won his jump-off in the men's high jump against West Germany's 1984 Olympic champion Dietmar Moegenburg, Britain would have captured five gold medals and finished ahead of the Soviet Union.

Olympic 400 metres hurdles finalist Sally Gunnell gave Britain a splendid start when she won the 400 metres and Mafe followed suit in the men's 200 just over an hour later.

Olympic 110 metres hurdles silver medalist Colin Jackson then won the men's 60 metres hurdles and Steve Heard battled his way to victory in the 800.

With nearly all the leading East Germans missing plus most of the top Soviet athletes, the championships were below standard in a number of events.

But the sprinkling of world class athletes present did full justice to their talents and yesterday's competition lacked little in the way of drama or excitement.

Romanians Doina Melinte and Paula Ivan confirmed their status as favourites for the women's middle distance titles at



Mafe: won the 200m gold

The World Championships in Budapest in a fortnight's time with sweeping wins in the 800 and 1,500 metres respectively.

The Soviet Union, who topped the medals table with 13 medals including four golds, underlined the strength of their pole vaulting

when they took first and second places despite the absence of Olympic champions Sergei Bubka and silver medalist Rodion Gataullin.

Grigory Yegorov, the Olympic bronze medalist, won the title and confirmed that he hoped to compete in Budapest.

World record holder Bubka will not be taking part in Budapest but Gataullin, who broke the indoor record twice this year before Bubka reclaimed it, is expected to be there.

Yordanka Donkova, the European high hurdles champion, overcame recent injuries to win the 60 metres hurdles and the experienced Elly van Hulst delighted the home crowd with her second consecutive 3,000 metres title.

### Standings

Medals table at the end of the two-day European Indoor Athletics Championships yesterday (Tabulate under — gold, silver, bronze):			
Soviet Union	4	5	4
Britain	4	4	1
West Germany	3	2	4
Netherlands	3	2	1
Romania	3	0	1
East Germany	2	4	0
Spain	2	2	4
France	1	0	1
Austria	1	0	1
Bulgaria	1	0	0
Czechoslovakia	0	1	1
Norway	0	1	1
Italy	0	1	1
Switzerland	0	1	1
Finland	0	0	2
Poland	0	0	1

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Speedbird Trophy

THE British Airways Speedbird Trophy game between Great Britain and Pakistan, due to be played this weekend, has been rescheduled for Friday, March 24. The Buwa Shield semifinal between Hubara and CCK will be played on Friday, Feb 24 and the final on Saturday, Feb 25 at 9.00 am.

## Sabah Trophy

BLUE STAR meet Friends Club in the semifinal of the Sabah Trophy cricket tournament on Friday, Feb 24, in the morning at the Safeway ground. The winner will meet Quaid-e-Millat in the final next month.

## Ihsan Memorial

THE Ihsan Memorial one-day tournament is scheduled to start at the Safeway Cricket Ground on Feb 25. All the participating teams have been asked to report to the organising committee at 8.00 am on Feb 25. The draw will be held on the same day.

## Death threats

BUENOS AIRES, Feb 20, (Reuters): Argentine tennis star Gabriela Sabatini flew to the United States yesterday, two weeks ahead of schedule, after receiving death threats through the mail, police and airport sources said.

## World Cup

RIYADH, Feb 20, (Reuters): Africa and Asia could have more representatives in future World Cup soccer finals. FIFA president Joao Havelange said at the weekend that he intends to make a proposal on the subject to his executive committee after next year's finals in Italy.

## 1,500M trio

LONDON, Feb 20, (UPI): Britain's star 1,500 metre trio of Olympic silver medalist Peter Elliott, 1980 and 1984 Olympic champion Seb Coe and former world champion Steve Cram have been passed by the selectors for the March 3-5 World Indoor Track and Field Championships in Budapest.

## Ajax defeated

AMSTERDAM, Feb 20, (Reuters): Ajax Amsterdam, still clearly missing transferred stars Marco van Basten and Ruud Gullit, stumbled to a 3-2 defeat away to Dutch First Division relegation candidates Sparta of Rotterdam yesterday.

## Title fight

LAS VEGAS, Feb 20, (Reuters): World heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson said yesterday that he would knock out Briton Frank Bruno when the often postponed title defence finally takes place on February 25.

## BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Hubara Bridge Club game held on Saturday: N/S 1. Dr Oskay & Shanti 2. Dr Parikh & Mrs Sapre 3. Yasin & Ghazi E/W 1. Merchant & Karsten 2. Mrs Pereira & D'Souza 3. Rasin & Kadlora Results of Regency Bridge Club game held on Sunday: N/S 1. Mr Sapre & Saad 2. Mrs and Mr F. Farah 3. Mrs Wilms & A. Tiab E/W 1. Mukherjee & Ravi 2. Zubairi & Sattar 3. Darco & Merchant Sheraton Bridge Club game will be held at 8.00 pm at the Holiday Inn instead of at Sheraton.

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## Graf outplays Garrison for title



Steffi Graf

FAIRFAX, Virginia, Feb 20, (UPI): Top-ranked Steffi Graf won the first 20 points en route to a straight sets victory over Zina Garrison yesterday in the final of the \$300,000 Virginia Slims of Washington.

Graf, the 19-year-old West German, earned \$60,000 in claiming her 32nd career singles title by a 6-1, 7-5 score over Garrison, raising her career earnings, already fourth all-time highest, to \$3,427,860. Graf, coming off a year in which she posted a 72-3 match record and swept the Grand Slam, has won both tournaments she has entered in 1989, also triumphing in the Australian Open for her fifth straight Grand Slam title.

Graf won the first five games of the 16-minute first set without losing a point, rattling Garrison's serve-and-volley attack with precision passing shots and breaking Garrison twice during the stretch. Graf did not lose a point on her serve until the second point of the second game

of the second set, registered the decisive service break in the 11th game of the second set, then served out the 65-minute match.

The sizzling beginning stunned even Graf, who said it was the first time she had won the first five games at love of any match in her career.

## Chance

"I was really surprised," Graf said. "In the beginning, I tried to keep the ball in play and then, when I had the chance, I tried to finish it up. I was serving well at that point and returning well. It's just that she was really tight and she didn't have any real power in her strokes, so she wasn't putting any pressure on me."

Graf has won four of the five meetings with Houston's Garrison, the tournament's fifth seed and the world's ninth ranked player. The two last met in the Olympic semifinals, when Graf won 6-2, 6-0.

Garrison said Graf simply couldn't miss during the opening five games.

"It can happen to anybody," Garrison said. "It wasn't like I was playing extremely bad. It's just that she served extremely well in the beginning of the first set. I mean, if it was anywhere close to the line, it was good."

The West German teenager has posted a 12-0 match record this year and has not lost a set in 1989.

Graf won her five matches in an average time of 54 minutes and suffered just three service breaks in the week, including one against Garrison.

Garrison, 25, has won six singles titles, but none since 1987, and earned \$27,000 as runner-up. Garrison gained the final when Monica Seles, her opponent in the semifinals, withdrew three hours before their match with a sprained ankle.

Graf defeated Stacy Martin, Carling Bassett-Seguso, Helen Kelesi and Natalia Zvereva en route to the final.

Graf lost just four points in the entire first set, all in the sixth

game, when Garrison held serve at 15.

Garrison's service efficiency and net game improved in the second set and the two remained on serve until Graf broke the American in the ninth game of the set. But Garrison rallied, breaking the West German at 15 in the next game, as Graf, who had won her first 17 points on her serve, double-faulted on break point.

"She was serving much better in the second set and I was not playing as well," Graf said. "My slice was not too good."

Graf produced the decisive break of the match in the 11th game. With the game tied at 30-30, Graf ripped a backhand passing shot to force break point, then Garrison netted a backhand at the net to give Graf a 6-5 lead.

The West German served out the match, winning the championship when Garrison drilled a forehand return long off a Graf second serve.

## Brazil rout Mali in youth tourney

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia, Feb 20, (AP): Brazil, favourites to win the fifth World Youth Soccer Cup tournament, trounced Mali 5-0 yesterday in a Group A match at the Youth Welfare Stadium in this Red Sea port city. Halftime was 0-0.

In the second half, Brazil called the tune and Mali danced to it.

Anderson da Silva and Bismarck Barreto Faria both scored twice in a sizzling second half that ripped the Africans apart.

Mali tried to launch attacks in the first half, catching the Brazilians on the hop.

Missed

Twice Boubacar Sissoko and Malick Tandjigora ran the Brazil defence ragged, but their shots missed.

With a classic battle in mid-

field ascendancy developing, Brazil was left with little to show for their efforts in that first half.

A move by Rogerio Moraes Lourenco in the 37th minute fizzled when his header thudded into the post and bounced back to be cleared.

It was a different picture when the whistle went for the second half.

The Brazilians clicked with move after move. The Mali defence wavered, then fell apart.

The first goal came in the 50th minute when Cassio Alves de Barros ran up and crashed a powerful drive past Mali goalkeeper Boubou Diabate.

Three minutes later, Bismarck Barreto Faria struck for his goal. He picked up a cross from Marcelo Henrique dos Santos and nodded home with perfection

past the Mali goalie with the African defence in disarray.

In the 66th minute, Anderson da Silva rammed home a deflection off Boubou Diabate, who had earlier been tested by a fierce shot from Moacir Rodrigues Santos.

Fourteen minutes later, Anderson da Silva raced down the right to send a low shot past Mamoutou Kane.

Bismarck Barreto Faria rounded off the rout with a splendid run down the right wing to zip the ball in from the penalty area.

In Tai, a lacklustre Argentina beat Norway 2-0 in a Group D match at the King Fahd Sports City stadium in this Saudi Arabian mountain resort city. Halftime score was 1-0.

The South Americans now go through to the next round in the 16-team tourney. The final is set for March 3.

And in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia's hopes of progressing in the championship were badly dented when they crashed to their second defeat in as many matches, beaten 1-0 by Czechoslovakia.

Radoslav Latal scored the vital goal in the 52nd minute after a brilliant solo run on the right wing.

Also in Riyadh, Portugal struggled to a 1-0 win against Nigeria in a Group A clash today.

The victory sends Portugal through to the knock-out final rounds in the 16-team contest that started Feb 16.

With Nigeria down to nine players in the last 18 minutes with two sent off, Joao Pinto scored the lone goal in the 78th minute.

## Short defeats Karpov

LINARES, Spain, Feb 20, (Reuters): British grand master Nigel Short beat former world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union in the first round of an international chess tournament yesterday.

Short, who earned \$1,000 for winning, took the initiative with a Ruy Lopez opening as Karpov got off to a shaky start.

Move

The former world champion lost a rook for a bishop before resigning after the 41st move.

The opening day was marred by the departure of Soviet emigre Viktor Korchnoi, who abandoned the tournament without playing a match after a dispute over a Soviet referee.

The tournament is now down to 11 players, including five

Soviet grand masters. Vasily Ivanchuk of the Soviet Union, who was to have faced Korchnoi, did not play yesterday.

First round results: Jan Timman (Netherlands) vs Lajos Portisch (Hungary) match adjourned with Timman one pawn ahead.

Nigel Short (Britain) beat Anatoly Karpov (Soviet Union). Artur Yusupov (Soviet Union) beat Andrei Sokolov (Soviet Union).

Boris Gulko (Soviet Union) vs Johan Hjartarson (Iceland) match adjourned in draw position.

Alexander Beliavsky (Soviet Union) vs Ljubomir Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia) match adjourned with Ljubojevic in advantage after taking rook against bishop.

## Real stay top despite draw

MADRID, Feb 20, (Reuters): Real Madrid held on to the Spanish Soccer League leadership yesterday despite being held 1-1 at Real Sociedad.

Real Madrid's hopes of victory crumbled when striker Juan Bengoechea equalised six minutes before time, deflecting home a corner by Jesus Zamora.

The visitors had gone ahead in the 33rd minute with a breakaway goal. Defender Miguel

Tendillo fed the ball to Esteban Gutierrez, who passed to an unmarked Martin Vazquez lurking outside the Real Sociedad goalmouth. Vazquez drew veteran Real Sociedad goalkeeper out of his goalmouth before lobbing the ball over him.

But Real Madrid were unable to drive home their advantage after the interval and Real Sociedad surged back in the closing minutes.

## Kasparov asks Fischer to resume tournaments

LINARES, Spain, Feb 20, (Reuters): Soviet world chess champion Gary Kasparov has called on former champion Bobby Fischer of the United States to resume tournaments, 14 years after retiring, a grandmaster said today.

US grandmaster Boris Gulko, a former champion of the Soviet Union, said Kasparov had written to Fischer ahead of his scheduled trip to Washington this week.

He started the letter with the words "dear champion colleague," he said.

## Support

Fischer was world champion in 1972. He did not play in the next championships in 1975, when Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union won the title.

Kasparov is to ask US senators to support transferring the organisation of next year's world championships from the International Chess Federation to the Grandmasters Association.

Karpov and Gulko are taking part in an international tournament in this southern Spanish town.

## Scott takes Lakers to victory over Celtics

NEW YORK, Feb 20, (AP): Roundup of National Basketball Association games played last night: Lakers 119, Celtics 110

Byron Scott scored 14 of his season-high 35 points in a span of less than eight minutes, carrying the Los Angeles to a 119-110 victory over the Boston Celtics.

It was the team's first match without both Larry Bird and Magic Johnson since they joined the NBA.

Bulls 108, Bucks 106

Michael Jordan had 23 points and Brad Sellers scored six in the final 2:40 as the Chicago Bulls continued their mastery of the Milwaukee Bucks with a 108-106 victory.

The Bulls have beaten the Bucks four times without a loss this season and 11 times in their last 12 meetings.

Heat 124, Hawks 115

Rookie Grant Long scored 30 points and Miami built a 20-point lead before holding off a late Atlanta comeback attempt for a 124-115 victory, the expansion Heat's second straight win.

Miami, which had never

before scored than 111 points in regulation, led by 20 on four occasions early in the second half.

Standings

Eastern Conference			
Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.
New York	24	17	.587
Philadelphia	28	11	.714
Boston	23	27	.460
Washington	19	30	.388
New Jersey	19	32	.373
Charlotte	14	37	.275

Central Division				
Cleveland	38	12	.760	
Detroit	33	14	.702	5.5
Milwaukee	31	17	.646	8.5
Atlanta	31	20	.608	11.5
Chicago	29	20	.592	12.5

Western Conference			
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct.
Houston	31	18	.633
Utah	31	20	.608
Dallas	26	22	.542
Denver	26	25	.510
San Antonio	13	36	.265
Miami	7	42	.143

Utah	31	25	.556	1
Dallas	28	22	.562	4.5
Denver	26	25	.510	6
San Antonio	13	36	.265	18
Miami	7	42	.143	24
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	34	16	.680	—

● A fun junior tennis tournament was recently held at the Kuwait International Hotel. A good cross section of young and upcoming players entered the tournament which had under 12, 14, 16, boys & girls singles events. The tournament was played on a round robin format. The match of the tournament was between Christian Elliot and Daniel Clayton. Elliot eventually won the set 9 games to 7. The prize winners (above) are pictured with other officials. Left to right: Linda Olson, Rebecca Clayton, Daniel Clayton, Colin Hall (Recreation Manager), Christian Elliot, G. Hempell and Vivian Bate.

## Wimbledon to face Everton in FA Cup

LONDON, Feb 20, (Reuters): Holders Wimbledon, recently involved in an ill-tempered league match at Everton, were handed a repeat visit when the draw for the quarterfinals of the English FA Cup was made today.

The south London club, frequently criticised for their unsophisticated tactics and often violent behaviour on the pitch, had their aggressive midfielder player Vinny Jones sent off during their First Division clash at Everton on February 4.

Jones, dubbed "Psycho" for his wild tackling and intimidatory style of play, was dismissed for butting Everton's Welsh international defender Kevin Ratcliffe — an incident likely to give an added dimension to their Cup encounter over the weekend of March 18 and 19.

In a draw involving seven First Division clubs out of a total of nine, Brentford, the only Third Division survivors after their unexpected victory at Second Division Blackburn on Saturday, were "rewarded" with a trip to champions Liverpool.

The London club's manager

Steve Perryman, who had hoped for a city derby, admitted the tie would prove educational — if little else — for his team. "It is an honour to be mentioned in the same breath as Liverpool," said Perryman.

Second Division Bournemouth, who go to Manchester United for a replay on Wednesday after holding them 1-1 on Saturday, were more fortunate.

Entertain

If they can produce an upset at Old Trafford, they will entertain Nottingham Forest, the form team of the moment following a run of 13 matches without defeat.

Neutrals are unlikely to cheer such an unlikely outcome, however, as it would prevent an outstanding meeting between United and Forest, the most exciting young teams in the First Division.

In the fourth tie of a round full of attractive prospects, the First Division's bottom club West Ham will attempt to stop second-placed Norwich from reaching the semifinals for the first time since 1959, when the Norfolk club was in the Third Division.



Forest's Brian Laws (right) and Watford's Rick Holden during the fifth round match on Sunday. Forest won 3-0. (Reuters wirephoto)

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